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people who will benefit from
Bicentennial Campaign.
as by Landon Nordeman.



A quest for excellence

By Robert Glidden



Devoted alumni, talented students, outstanding faculty, innovative programs, a beautiful campus — these and many other wonderful attributes are part of the Ohio University legacy. I am now proud to share with you details of a new endeavor, one that will make ours an even more distinctive institution.

In this issue of *Ohio Today*, you will read about the Bicentennial Campaign, an ambitious fund-raising effort seeking more than \$200 million and culminating on the University's 200th anniversary in 2004. More than any other

single venture, this quest will determine our course and define our role in higher education for years to come.

Great public universities are built not only with state support, which can be quite unpredictable, but with the resources provided by alumni and friends. These committed individuals always have made a difference at Ohio University, helping to bring a margin of excellence to academic, scholarship, cultural, athletic and recreational programs. As you will read, the priorities of this campaign will center, to a large extent, on people — individuals like Cutler Scholar Allison Norwood, Professor of Classics Thomas

Carpenter, social work major Kei Futamura and Global Learning Community member Armana Milbry. These four, whose faces grace the cover and whose adventures unfold on the coming pages, are wonderful examples of the people whose studies and work will be enhanced by the Bicentennial Campaign's success.

More than half of the money raised between now and 2004 will be used to draw the most renowned scholars, outstanding professors and promising students to the University. Through the years, private donors have helped us make strides in recruiting such individuals through the establishment of endowed chairs, named professorships, scholarships

and fellowships. Yet, in these areas, we remain woefully behind institutions with which we aspire to compete. The Bicentennial Campaign will change that.

The campaign also will help us remain an education leader with such additions to campus as cutting-edge library technology and a "smart" classroom building featuring the latest electronic capabilities. It will strengthen innovative programming and support important initiatives, including our many and varied international pursuits and those that reach out to serve our southeastern Ohio neighbors.

Alumni stand to gain, too. The campaign seeks to improve your University in nearly every way, and a better Ohio University with a higher national profile will bring pride and honor to its graduates.

As Ohio's first university, we boast eight generations of alumni and friends who have given their time, talent and resources to build a vibrant and respected center of learning. With your continued commitment, we also will remain Ohio's finest university.



A sign language presentation is given on the Zanesville Campus.



A business major studies in Copeland Hall.



A student makes adjustments during a campus robotics competition.

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More WOUB antics

Kudos. *Ohio Today* keeps getting better and better. One recent item — about WOUB radio's 50th anniversary — provoked some pleasant and humorous memories.

Its predecessor was WOUN, born more than 50 years ago, after World War II, when radio journalism (under Professor Vincent Jukes) was a new curriculum. It operated out of a Quonset hut and was manned by our wacky, fun-loving bunch. We called it the "uncanny" radio station because it had no restroom facility (one late-night DJ spun a disc and announced that he was "going outside to put up the antenna").

Under some regulation — FCC or whatever — it wasn't technically radio "through the airwaves," but rather a "weird wireless" with a signal that was not to reach more than about 580 yards from the station. However, with the bizarre conduct of even a slightly powered signal, some words that shouldn't have sort of slipped out far beyond that mandated distance.

Strangely, the first assignment in the radio journalism course just came to mind — putting together a crystal set that even was able to pick up some weird sounds through the blackness from Parkersburg, Marietta or wherever.
**Larry Press, BSJ '49
Ventura, Calif.**

As a 1954 BFA grad and radio speech major, I appreciated the article on WOUB. I was one of the DJs on Yaww Patrol (I have a promotional poster to prove it) and did play-by-play for basketball and baseball.

A few corrections are in order: We played more than instrumentals and classical music. I did a show in 1953-54 where vocalists were featured each day. Secondly, how could you do a feature and not mention Professor Vincent Jukes, who truly was the backbone of the radio station for many years?

**Rev. Anthony J. Tolbert III, BFA '54
Mount Prospect, Ill.**

—@ We really enjoyed your article on WOUB and the picture of the old Quonset hut that housed it in the early '50s. We met there on Jo's late night talk show in May 1952, so maybe this letter also refers to your earlier article, "Love 101." We have been married 46 years. We think it will last.

I was not expected the night of the



talk show. A friend of mine had been invited but could not make it and asked me to substitute. The topic for discussion was "What's wrong with the OU coed?" I said something to the effect that they were too pushy and did not give guys a chance to be gentlemen, something I have been reminded of from time to time.

OU was a smaller place then, but we have warm memories and left feeling well-prepared for graduate school and the long academic careers that followed.
**Charles J. Krauskopf, AB '53
Joan Miday Krauskopf, AB '54
Prescott, Ariz.**

Ohio University has the finest broadcast journalism school in the country. Take that from one who trained there and has been around the business for nearly 40 years. I fondly recall the many newscasts I did on WOUB. It was that hands-on training, and the persistence of teachers like Archie Greer, that allowed me to get a job at WTVN radio in Columbus right out of college. I remained there for 22 years.

My most frightful moment on WOUB was not my first live broadcast of the big fire on Court Street, but rather one night when I had just finished the 6 p.m. news and the newsroom phone rang. This rather distinguished voice pointed out in no uncertain terms that the institution was to be known only as Ohio University and never as OU. "Yes sir," I replied as I said good night to then-President Alden! Ah, those were the days, my friends.

**Bill Patterson, BFA '62
Columbus**

I was very pleased to read your cover story on WOUB-FM in the fall 2000 issue. The article had special meaning for me since I was one of the many students involved in that first carrier broadcast from the balcony of the auditorium in Ewing Hall.

It also was nice to read about the importance of John Metzger and Archie Greer in the development of the station. I was, however, surprised that there was no mention of Vinnie Jukes. It was my understanding at the time that Jukes was the faculty member responsible for getting the support of the administration in the radio endeavor.

**H. Eugene Dybvig, BFA '47, MFA '51
Carbondale, Ill.**

Falling gracefully

By Lynne Mattern Mitchell

As a freshman at Ohio University in 1965, I was taught one of the most useful lessons of my life. We were required to take a year of physical education. After struggling through a quarter learning I wasn't cut out to chase a ball around a tennis court, I decided to take a subject I was already capable at — ice skating.

There in the hockey arena I was taught an applicable "life lesson." The first area the instructor had us master was how to fall in a manner that yielded the fewest number of bruises. We spent a week learning to let our bodies go, to give in to the fall in a slow, graceful manner. Relaxing our knees and letting our padded derrieres take the impact became part of our drill. I became quite good at this intentional falling.

If that instructor only knew how profoundly he was impacting my life!

Three days after I finished my schooling at OU in December 1968, I began to have that feeling that my feet were "going to sleep." These tingles crept up my body, and in February 1969 I was diagnosed as having multiple sclerosis. In the years to follow, I went from an occasional stumble to the classic "falling flat on your face."

I was either "in denial" or felt "ignorance is bliss" when I first started tumbling into the clothing racks at stores. Though I smiled weakly and muttered apologies, I was often greeted with frowns and eyes that read "look at the drunk." I got the hint that I needed assistance when I fell into a stack of canned tomatoes; the disgusted call for "Clean up in Aisle 4" over the store intercom sent me home in tears.

When I gave in to using a cane, I was delighted that the same people who condemned me for being a drunk now opened doors and carried bags for me. As my need for canes grew so did my desire to get rid of that "ugly, old-looking brown stick." Thus, my husband and I developed a process to create beautiful canes that matched each outfit. Our canes have a waterproof coating that withstands dropping; we even developed a means of identification that usually results in having an abandoned cane returned to the owner. Though I am now in a wheelchair, I still carry a coordinating cane; it solicits smiles and starts conversations.

In order to make good use of my frequent times on the floor, I have learned that "while you are down, see what else you can do." The shoes in my closet are now alphabetized (sandals come before sneakers), and I know that cereal crumbs collect on the floor under the counter.

I use the falling techniques I learned at OU every day. Giving in to the fall and landing on my derriere helps me avoid the emergency room and keeps my arms a solid color and my head free of stitches. Thank you, PE instructor of 8 a.m. ice skating, 1966, for teaching me a life-saving lesson.

Lynne Mattern Mitchell, BSFD '69, finished her education after student teaching at Putnam Elementary in the fall of 1968. She taught in Cadiz and Upper Arlington, Ohio, and later earned a master's degree at Auburn University. She and her husband, John, reside in Boca Raton, Fla. She no longer teaches because of health reasons, but she spends time speaking publicly about living a fulfilling life despite chronic illness. The Mitchells have two sons, Kyle, who works for an Internet company in Fort Lauderdale, and Todd, a senior at Cedarville (Ohio) University.

A helping hand

I enjoyed your article in the fall issue about the Roger Connor family. It brought back a wonderful memory. I was the first casualty of World War II to return to Ohio U. I was starting my sophomore year. I got a call from the McBee Co. asking me to come to talk to employees about my war experiences. They were trying to sell war bonds.

This was where I met Roger Connor and the other officers. Before graduation, I got a call from Roger, who asked me if I had made any plans. We met shortly after that and I joined the company. It was truly a wonderful start for my career in business. I was with McBee about three years. I started my own company in the early '50s and retired in '88.

I congratulate Pat Connor Study on her very generous gift in loving memory of her parents. Her dad and the McBee Co. are memories I will never forget.

Jack Bennett, BSC '45
Lakewood, Ohio

High hopes for daughter

The article "Love 101" in the spring 2000 issue caught my attention. My husband and I both graduated from Ohio U. We met there, and celebrated our 30th anniversary in December. He lived in Lincoln and I lived in Jefferson. I met him in the lounge of Lincoln Hall when my group, Angel Flight, was introducing our Homecoming candidate. Our first date followed on Halloween (no big deal then) and after dating for quite some time, he proposed to me on a bench on the golf course. We married on Dec. 20, 1970, and made Athens our home until 1975.

Our daughter entered Ohio U. in the fall as a freshman. And she is living in Lincoln, just down the hall from where her dad lived. I hope she has as wonderful an experience at OU as we did.

Sally Miner, BSED '71
Bernie Miner, BSC '75
Massillon, Ohio

Write to us

Care to comment on an *Ohio Today* story? Or share a memory about your days on campus? Then drop us a letter to the editor. Here's how:

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Athletes sparked spirit

To your very colorful fall issue of *Ohio Today*, let me add some information significant to those of us at Ohio U. in the 1940s.

Frankie Baumholtz did go on to play pro ball. But he will be remembered by many as the very modest heart and soul of the '41 basketball team, which became the Cinderella team that almost won the Madison Square Garden International Tournament. Frankie was an All-American and MVP at the tournament — and could have been elected president on campus!

Pete Laich was the great star center on that team and was a joy to watch, as everyone at the Garden — except the officials — will attest. He exuded enjoyment when he played.

I remember Pete best because we were together in the group from Athens and OU that was bused to Parkersburg for our physical exams that would determine eligibility to be drafted. I, at 5 feet 6 inches tall and a mighty 130 pounds, passed. Luckily, my Cleveland draft board allowed me a deferment to complete my senior year.

Pete, at 6 feet plus and at least 50 or 60 pounds heavier, flunked (something about his ears).

We both laughed. Then Pete went on to serve in many other valuable ways.

Harold Stieglitz, BSJ '42
Roslyn, N.Y.

Another Miss Brown fan

What great memories were brought to mind by the two letters from former students concerning the passing of Lurene Brown, professor emerita of English!

Perhaps I was even more blessed to have been a student of Miss Brown at Lancaster High School in the early '40s. She really was the consummate teacher — tough, but fair, and did we learn correct grammar!

A few years later, I was a teacher and coach at LHS and thought even more of her as a fellow educator.

To add to my English education at LHS, I also was blessed by having Martha Gesling as a teacher. She later was honored at Bowling Green State University.

While I lived in education only eight years, I was guided into that career by these two teachers plus a goodly number of others.

Bob Dickey, BSED '49
Dunedin, Fla.
(1949 J-Prom king)

Golfers have predecessors

While I am very excited to see the University once again enjoying a women's golf team, it is not the first women's team (as reported in the fall 2000 *Ohio Today*).

There actually was a team at the University when I came here for my master's work in 1964. In 1966, as a faculty member, I was assigned the coaching position as part of my teaching load.



The 1971 women's golf team.

The budget was so small the student-athletes had to pay most of their own expenses, and we usually were given a station wagon to transport them to events. The men got the majority

of the money and "shared" a tiny portion with the women's intercollegiate sports even though women were already 51 percent of the student population.

The last team I coached, before the program was cut in 1972, was third in the Midwest Women's Intercollegiate Association tournament played at the University of Minnesota against such teams as Ohio State, Indiana and Minnesota. I was proud to be a part of the lives of those students at that time. They competed at a high level of skill and never had a losing season. One softball team I coached won all 13 games that year, playing both slow and fast pitch.

I hope this illustrates that Ohio University has a rich history of many wonderful alumni who competed without all the luxuries that are available today. If any of you would like to "reconnect," write to me at 6669 LeMaster Road, Athens, Ohio 45701, or kingi@frognet.net. Thank you for your great efforts.

Joyce King, PHD '66
Assistant professor emerita,
health and sports sciences
Athens

Success apparent

I was at Ohio University from 1966 to 1968. The inaugural issue of *Ohio Today* and the subsequent editions are wonderful. Through them, it is easy to see the scope of Ohio University's successes.

I have been a professor of education since 1994 and also am deputy director of the Institute of Education at Ahmadu Bello University in Zaria, Nigeria. Kudos to OU, which provided me with a solid foundation for my professional achievements.

Y.A. Jatto, BSED '68
Zaria, Nigeria

✉ Indicates letter was received by e-mail.

Education students dig into coal debate

The scene is the fall conference of the Institute for Democracy in Education, and Ohio University's McCracken Hall is packed with educators from across the country. Before a crowd stands a group of 20 ninth-graders from Athens County's Federal Hocking school district. The students are nervous. They shuffle; they giggle. But the educators are riveted nonetheless. For in this room, at this moment, the roles are reversed: The seasoned professionals are learning from the teens about a cutting-edge concept in education.

Called expeditionary learning, this educational theory puts responsibility for learning in the hands of students. In this case, Federal Hocking Middle School students worked with College of Education students and faculty last school year on a project examining whether the nearby Glouster coal mine should be reopened. And true to the mission of the project, the students took control, conducting research and interviewing environmental activists, merchants, coal miners and politicians. Students then organized their results into a readers forum for the national conference.

Their research was timely because the mine, which closed in the mid-

1970s, reopened in May after much debate in the Glouster community. Students weighed in on the issue by presenting their research to local residents.

Students' interviews offered a poignant view of coal mining in southeastern Ohio, as this comment from a former coal camp resident illustrates:

"Sometimes, before school, I had to go to the company store. We didn't use money. We used a script card that kept a running bill. Whatever I had to buy was taken out of my father's pay. Sometimes on payday, my father wouldn't have any money left to be paid."

The coal project was part of an ongoing College of Education program called Creating Active and Reflective Educators for Democratic Education, or CARE, in which faculty and students work with Federal Hocking teachers on everything from developing curriculum and computer software to large-scale projects such as the Glouster mine issue.

"The goal of CARE is to prepare young people to be active participants



CARE seniors Eva Conrad (left) and Denise Bunsey pose with a backdrop they helped create for a coal project presentation.

and citizens in their democratic communities," says Rosalie Romano, CARE coordinator and an assistant professor of education.

Ohio University senior Eva Conrad was impressed by the middle-schoolers' take-charge attitude in organizing field trips to Glouster.

"They surprised us in how motivated they were," says Conrad, who along with senior Denise Bunsey put together the coal project proposal for the conference. "The experience they had was so much better than just reading about these issues in a book."

— Nanette Kalis

Hank: hairstylist or handyman?

Guys named Hank may want to think twice about that career move to hairstylist.

A new Ohio University study on names and occupations suggests that people subconsciously predict career success for those with names that more closely match the gender stereotype associated with a profession.

Study participants forecasted that women with such names as Emma, Marta, Irma and Winifred would be more likely to have successful careers if they pursued traditional female occupations such as nurse, hairstylist and interior deco-

rator. Men with more masculine names — Howard, Boris, Hank and Bruno — were expected to be successful in traditional male careers, say as plumbers, truck drivers, electricians and construction workers.

The study, conducted by Trustee Professor of Psychology James Bruning, is based on the answers of 20 young adults who were asked to predict the success of individuals entering new careers.



Brian Wilkie, BFA '91

Although employers weigh several factors when judging candidates for job openings, the gender match between an applicant's name and the occupation could have a subconscious impact, Bruning says.

"I wouldn't overestimate the impact of names, but at the same time, names are an important part of first impressions," he says.

— Andrea Gibson

Airport expansion project takes off

Two recent developments put Ohio University's airport on the verge of a new era of expanded and improved service. Ohio University Trustee David Snyder, BBA '74, has donated \$750,000 of the \$1.5 million needed to construct a new airport terminal, and a federal grant is supporting a runway extension.



David Snyder

The cumulative effect will be an airport that can handle larger planes, such as corporate jets and small commuter and cargo planes, and accommodate more passengers.

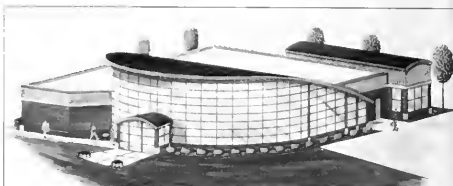
"This should open up economic and other opportunities for the entire region," says Ohio University President Robert Glidden. "This entire project promises to make the region more accessible for Ohio University

students, parents, alumni and area businesses and their clients."

Snyder's gift makes possible a 7,000-square-foot terminal, about two and a half times larger than the existing structure at the Albany facility. The terminal will house airport staff, counters for commuter baggage and rental car services and baggage and passenger waiting areas.

"To have a great university, you need to have economic balance. One way to achieve that balance is to have access to the region," says Snyder, a businessman from Lakewood, Ohio.

A \$480,000 grant from the Federal Aviation Administration supports the first phase of extend-



An artist's rendering of the C. David Snyder Terminal.

ing the runway from 4,200 feet to 5,600 feet. The extension will allow larger planes to land and improve access for Ohio University aviation majors and Avionics Engineering Center researchers.

The terminal will be named the C. David Snyder Terminal and the runway Snyder Field. The name of the airport will remain the Ohio University Gordon K. Bush Regional Airport.

— Jack Jeffery

Send us a piece of your past

Maybe it's a photo of you and your date decked out for J-Prom. Or a ticket stubs from a 1970s Bruce Springsteen concert in Mem Aud. Or a tale about a beloved professor.

Whether the mementos of your college days are tucked away in a closet

or simply in the back of your mind, the Ohio University Press is hoping you'll share them for possible inclusion in "The Ohio University Bicentennial Book." The publi-



cation, a cross between a coffee table book and a scrapbook, is being published in conjunction with the University's 200th anniversary in 2004.

"What we have in mind is a mosaic portrait of Ohio University, depicting the ideas and lives that have kept it vigorous for 200 years," says David Sanders, director of the Ohio University Press.

Contents likely will include students' letters home, remembrances,

historical documents, personal essays, photographs, illustrations and histories of campus programs.

Editor Betty Hollow, who has worked on campus since the mid-1970s as an academic counselor, says student life will be a major focus.

She poses these questions to alumni considering a submission: "What was special to you about Ohio University? What was it that you loved back then and what is it that you still love?"

Hollow asks alumni to send their remembrances and photos to her at 101 Alden Library, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio 45701 or e-mail testimonials to her at hollowb@ohio.edu. Please indicate whether you would like the items returned and, if so, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Remember to include your class year.

A special call is being made for student scrapbooks, which Hollow assures will be returned safely to their owners. Alumni also may want to consider a permanent donation of items to Alden Library's Archives and Special Collections Department.

— Mary Alice Casey

'CAT FACTS

Ohio defeated Central Michigan 52-3 at this year's Homecoming. When was the last time we beat the Chippewas?

Where do School of Theater majors go to get extensive experience during the summer?

How many registered student organizations are on campus?

What percentage of Ohio University freshmen are from Ohio?

How many alumni live in Ohio?

A bookstall at the Chicago Shakespeare Theater has been named after what noted Ohio University Shakespearean scholar?

How many full-time faculty work on the Athens campus?

What does RA stand for?

How many steps are located behind Bryan Hall?

What saying is inscribed on the exterior side of the Alumni Gate at Court and Union streets?

(Answers on Page 9.)



ABOVE: Matt Lauer chats with a fan during a break in a "Today" show taping on campus in October.
BELOW: Lauer visits the James Hall room where he lived as a freshman.

Lauer visits old stomping grounds

When he heard that "Today" show producers were planning a segment taking the show's on-air personalities back to their college alma maters, Matt Lauer didn't think twice about the timing of his Ohio University visit.

Lauer, co-host of the popular NBC morning show, used as his backdrop the thousands of green-and-white-clad alumni who returned to campus for Homecoming in late October. While visiting old haunts, including his freshman room in James Hall, Lauer greeted students and alums crossing campus to attend the Homecoming parade, football game and other events.

"The great things about the University and the town haven't changed," Lauer said while taping a segment on a colorful, leaf-covered College Green. "It still has the same great feel it had 20 years ago. This is the quintessential college campus. When I first saw the College Green, I got goose bumps again."

"It literally feels like being in a time machine, spinning the dial and, again, it's 1975."

Lauer, a communication major, attended Ohio University from 1975 to 1979 before taking an internship with a television station in Huntington, W.Va. He later completed his degree requirements and was the fea-

tured speaker at his own commencement in 1997.

After the morning taping on the College Green, Lauer and an entourage of regional media walked to his former apartment above Baron Men's Shop on Court Street. A mass of

student revelers cheered as he joined them on the apartment's patio, a perfect perch for the Homecoming Parade down Court Street.

"He's very friendly and wasn't at all pretentious," says senior Betsy Harding, who had her photo taken with Lauer. "And he's better looking in person."

Freshman Adam Thome was at a swim meet and didn't get to welcome Lauer into his old residence hall room — 135 James Hall — but he did catch up with him later that day.

"Matt seems like a real nice guy, really down to earth," he says.

Lauer has been equally impressed by the students he's met on his visits to campus.

"The nice thing is to have the students come up to me and say 'thank you' for coming back. I don't think I was that sophisticated when I was their age."

— Jack Jeffery

Stay tuned

Highlights of Matt Lauer's Homecoming Weekend visit to campus are expected to air on NBC's "Today" show sometime in May.



Humanities Center a possibility

Ohio University has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to compete for a five-state humanities center. The University is up against Michigan State University for the center that will serve Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and West Virginia.

If the University is chosen to host the center, implementation grants would include an endowment of \$5 million over five years and require matching funds of \$15 million to support research, cultural preservation and public programming on the history, people and traditions of the five-state region.

"We aim to create lifelong audiences for the humanities in this region and to serve students, teachers, scholars and the general public," says planning grant writer Judith Yaross Lee, an associate professor of interpersonal communication.

Regional campus reaches out

Ohio University became more of a force in the Columbus area with the opening this past fall of the Pickerington Center, a classroom building that is an extension of the Lancaster Campus. Courses offered at the 15,000-square-foot facility include business, computers, communications, English, mathematics, economics and career planning. The center is a 15-minute drive from both downtown Columbus and Port Columbus International Airport.

"The center allows Ohio University to serve a rapidly growing area," says Vice President for Regional Higher Education Charles Bird. "It is an up-to-date adult learning facility offering programs that are both cost-effective and convenient for its students."

University ranks among top 50

For the second-straight year, Ohio University has been rated one of the top 50 national public universities by *U.S. News and World Report* in its "America's Best Colleges" 2001 edition. The University is ranked 44th among its peer institutions. *U.S. News and World Report* defines national universities as institutions that offer a full range of undergraduate majors plus master's and doctoral programs and also emphasize faculty research.

"The University strives to offer first-rate academic and student programs, and this acclaim is a reflection of the quality of our students, faculty and staff," says President Robert Glidden.

Magazine touts film school

Ohio University's School of Film was listed among the nation's top 12 graduate film programs in *Entertainment Weekly's* fall 2000 Showbiz Special edition.

The school offers a three-year program for students interested in advanced training in directing, screenwriting, producing, cinematography, editing and motion picture sound.

Lindley Center promotes understanding

The artwork in Lindley Cultural Center is as diverse as the students who walk through the center's doors. A tall wooden sculpture, paintings and posters commemorating African-American women complement the light gray walls of the Lindley Hall ground-floor area.

The center, which originally opened in 1975 as a gathering place for minority students, was renovated in fall 1999 into a multicultural learning and teaching facility that better reflects its community-wide message of cultural awareness and understanding.

"Lindley will eventually serve as a catalyst for cultural enhancement in the Athens area," says Associate Vice President of Student Affairs for Intercultural Affairs Janice Edwards, who directed the center last year. "I expect the center to create a better cultural climate at Ohio University through its programming, which is designed to cross every barrier to impact how people act, think and share."

The 5,000-square-foot center includes a community lounge, conference meeting room, art gallery, 80-seat multipurpose room, computer lab, e-mail terminals and office space.

Director of Multicultural Programs Linda Daniels, who recently became the center's director, wants to present more cultural programming, including lectures, films, book signings and art exhibits.

"One project being developed is a speakers bureau through which Ohio University faculty and staff can share their talents and exper-

tise," Daniels says. "We want the center to be more than a meeting place. We want it to develop its own programming."

Natalie Barnes, a senior from Cincinnati and former Student

Senate commissioner, was among the first students to propose renovation of the center to University administrators.

"I never dreamed the center would become a reality so fast," Barnes says. "I'm happy I was there in the beginning and can enjoy watching students use the center."

Sophomore Derek Patterson of Akron, Ohio, regularly visits the Lindley center to do his homework, check e-mail and talk with friends.

"Many students come here to get

work done instead of going home between classes," Patterson notes. "You can come here and do your homework, and there's always people to socialize with when you need a break."

— George Maury

A multicultural campus

John Newton Templeton made history when, in 1828, he became the first African-American to graduate from Ohio University. This past fall, 11 freshmen created a new milestone for multicultural students as members of the inaugural class of Templeton Scholars. The scholarship program covers the cost of in-state tuition, books and room and board.

Ten Ohio University students also were among the first to receive scholarships from the Gates Millennium Scholars Initiative, which is funded by Microsoft's Bill Gates and his wife, Melinda.



Ohio University's new satellite news-gathering truck is capable of sending a signal through space at a rate of 44,600 miles in less than two seconds — an interesting fact even if you aren't up to speed on communication technology. But even more impressive is how the truck is helping students and faculty on the ground.

Overseen by the Office of Communications and Marketing, the truck has the capacity to edit and produce video feeds and transmit and receive messages via satellite. The 27-foot truck provides a training ground for communication majors and an avenue for Ohio University to get the word out to broadcast media about campus experts and events.

"The reputation of the programs in the College of Communication is, to a large extent, based on the numerous opportunities for students to gain hands-on experience using state-of-the-art technology appropriate to their field of study," says College of Communication Dean Kathy Krendl. "The addition of a satellite truck provides video production and broadcast journalism students experience in broadcasting live events."

Students got their first taste of the satellite technology when they covered the Circleville Pumpkin Festival Oct. 19 for a live newscast. It also has been used for Ohio Sports Network productions and area community events, such as a performance at Stuart's Opera House in Nelsonville.

The \$480,000 truck, purchased through private gifts, is an important tool in Ohio University's publicity efforts. It allows the University to bridge the distance between campus and metropolitan areas and puts its newsmakers in touch with reporters throughout the state and beyond.

— Jack Jeffery



Sharing a conversation this past fall in the recently renovated Lindley Cultural Center are (from left) James Joyce, Kim Connell, Nicole Neal and Derek Patterson.

Old oak tells region's climate history

It stood about 150 feet tall with a circumference as large as four people across. It saw more changes in its lifetime than any human can imagine. It survived fires, droughts, flooding and high winds. But the 373-year-old white oak couldn't withstand the strength of a 1998 storm that felled what researchers now know was the oldest recorded hardwood east of the Mississippi River.

But while this discovery is exciting to Ohio University researchers, they are even more interested in what the tree can tell them about the region's climate and ecology over nearly four centuries.

The region's oldest oak is one of 10 under scrutiny by environmental and plant biologists conducting research in Dysart Woods, a University land laboratory in southeastern Ohio. The studies have allowed



researchers to fill in gaps in the climate history of the region, which has been accurately recorded only since 1950.

"Studying the tree allows us to reconstruct fairly clearly what's been happening over the past 400 years," says Brian McCarthy, an Ohio University associate professor of environmental and plant biology.

"We can determine, for example, that there were droughts in the 1600s, which might have had a big influence on Native Americans or the early settlers in the late 1700s."

McCarthy believes there are many trees in Dysart Woods that may be even older than the one in his latest study. Research on this old-growth forest is continuing, and McCarthy says it could lead to a clearer picture of past and future climate conditions.

—Meghan Holohan

Art auction takes online approach

Following in the steps of such popular Internet auction sites as eBay, Ohio University's School of Art is presenting an online auction of artwork Feb. 2 to raise money for the Karen S. Nulf Endowment Fund.



Karen Nulf

Named for Professor Emerita of Art Karen Nulf, the \$15,000 endowment will provide about \$1,000 a year to a senior graphic design student who excels in typography.

"It occurred to us that it was only logical that she be honored with this timeless gift, an endowment in her name," says Associate Professor of Graphic Design Don Adleta, who is coordinating the auction. "Karen has a sensitivity to students in their senior year because it becomes hard to finance projects once a student reaches that point in their education."

Nulf, a School of Art faculty member for nearly 32 years, says she wants to keep her hand in teaching.

"While design technology has

changed drastically during the time I have been teaching, the basic tenants of cogent form and content still hold fast," she says. "And the thrill of being part of the students' growth and learning is fresh every year."

Former students and School of Art faculty and friends already have raised \$11,500, and they hope the online auction will bring in the remaining \$3,500. Items in the auction will include work by Nulf and other School of Art faculty. Alumni interested in donating items or making contributions should e-mail Adleta at adleta@ohio.edu.

—Erin Santee

'Cat Facts answers

1. 1980 **2.** Monomoy Theatre in Chatham, Mass., purchased by former University President John Baker and his wife, Elizabeth, for student use **3.** 350 organizations **4.** 90 percent **5.** Of the 156,000 alumni, about 74,700 live in Ohio **6.** Trustee Professor of English Samuel Crowl **7.** 775 **8.** Resident adviser **9.** 112 steps **10.** "So enter that daily thou mayest grow in knowledge, wisdom and love."

KEEPING UP

Terrence Hogan was promoted to dean of students after serving as interim dean for the past two years. He has been employed by Ohio University in various positions since 1979, including as associate dean of students, assistant dean of students, director of the Center for Community Service and director of student activities. Hogan earned a bachelor's degree in radio/television in 1977, a



Terrence Hogan

master's degree in organizational communication in 1983 and a doctorate in higher education administration in 1992, all from Ohio University.

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Southern Campus Dean **Bill Dings** retired in the fall after serving in that role since 1976. Under his administration, the Ironton, Ohio, campus enrollment grew from less than 270 to more than 2,500 students. The campus now has three instructional buildings, including a \$6 million technology building under construction that will be named the Bill W. Dings Technology Center.

"Bill Dings has enjoyed an extraordinary career," says Vice President for Regional Higher Education Charles Bird. "Due to his leadership and vision, the Southern Campus has grown to be the largest among the University's five regional campuses."



Dan Evans

Dan Evans, BA '73, PHD '90, will take over as dean in July. He has served as dean of Wright State University's Lake Campus since 1994. He also served as an instructor at Ohio University's Southern Campus from 1986 to 1994. Southern Campus Associate Dean for Admissions and Registration Eric Cunningham will serve as interim dean until July.

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Barbara Ross-Lee, dean of the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine since 1993, has accepted the dual positions of vice president for health sciences and medical affairs and dean of the School of Allied Health and Life Sciences at the New York Institute of Technology. She leaves Ohio University in January and begins at NYIT in February.

Daniel Marazon, associate professor of family medicine and medical director of the University Osteopathic Medical Center, will serve as interim dean until a national search for a new dean is complete.



Faces of our Future

Stories by Melissa Rake
Photographs by Landon Nordeman



THE BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

WILL WRITE A NEW CHAPTER IN OHIO UNIVERSITY HISTORY,
CREATING EXTRAORDINARY OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDU-
ALS AND RAISING THE INSTITUTION'S NATIONAL PROFILE.

Allison Norwood is applying to medical school. Thomas Carpenter is awakening students to the classical world. Armana Milbry is becoming a confident globetrotter. Kei Futamura is seeing things more clearly.

These four represent what Ohio University does best — create opportunities. And the Bicentennial Campaign, the institution's most ambitious fund-raising effort to date, will generate more opportunities than ever before.

The campaign's goal is to raise more than \$200 million by 2004, the University's 200th anniversary, to strengthen scholarships, professorships, innovative programs, technology and facilities.

"We have come to accept that great public universities become that way not solely from state support but from the support that comes from alumni and friends," says President Robert Glidden. "We should care about this campaign because it will improve the University in nearly every aspect, giving us a higher national profile."

Some \$114 million already has been raised during the campaign's quiet phase, including the largest single gift in the University's history.

These contributions will boost the endowment, which has grown from \$69.3 million in 1991 to \$220 million this academic year.

"There is a direct correlation between an institution's academic reputation and its endowment," says Vice President for University Advancement Leonard Raley. "A larger endowment will allow us to grant more scholarship aid, recruit and retain more professors, award more graduate research fellowships and provide additional funds for innovative programming."

What's more, the campaign is galvanizing alumni worldwide as well as inspiring students, many of whom have benefited from scholarships and programs supported by donors.

"Students sometimes don't understand that the value of their degree is owed to the support that alumni give," says senior Amy Owens, who is coordinating a student effort to raise \$100,000 for the campaign. "I've grown here as a person and enjoyed my time so much that I want to give back."

On the following pages, you'll read how private support has made a difference in the lives of Allison Norwood, Thomas Carpenter, Armana Milbry and Kei Futamura. And like them, generations of future students and faculty will benefit from the generosity of campaign donors.

"People will look back and reflect on how the Bicentennial Campaign transformed Ohio University in the early part of the 21st century," Raley says. "It will help to write an entire new chapter for the institution."

Ellison Norwood is an exceptional college student. Not only that, she loves *being* a college student. Even while watching Saturday morning cartoons as a girl, she was drawn in by the perpetual public service announcements encouraging kids to consider higher education.

"It was never a question of whether I wanted to go to college," says Norwood, a senior biology major from Bridgeport, an eastern Ohio town of about 2,500 residents. "And it was never a question of how it would be paid for. It would have been taken care of somehow."

In high school, Norwood became determined to make her higher education happen — through scholarships, student loans, grants or working part time. Her fierce drive, however, paid off in a way she never imagined: In 1997, Norwood earned Ohio University's most prestigious scholarship.

Modeled after Oxford University's Rhodes Scholars Program, the Manassah Cutler Scholars Program attracts some of the most outstanding students in the world. The merit-based scholarship, valued at \$70,000 over four years, covers full tuition, room and board and stipends for summer internships and a study abroad experience.

Since the program was launched in 1996, many Cutler Scholars — already some of the finest academic performers on campus — have assumed student leadership roles. Norwood is no exception, although her skills as a leader were solid even before she came to Ohio University.

A Bridgeport High School cheerleader, trumpet player, student council member and club leader, Norwood's roster of activities was as impressive as her 4.0 GPA.

So when her teachers heard about the Alan E. and Ruby T. Riedel-Manassah Cutler Scholars Award to be given to a Belmont County high school graduate, they naturally

nominated Norwood. The Riedels, alumni and longtime benefactors of Ohio University, were delighted to support her studies.

"I believe in the Cutler Scholars program," says Alan Riedel, AB '52 and HON '94, retired vice chairman of Cooper Industries in Houston. "I'm from Belmont County, and this scholarship is needed because it's economically depressed there."

Norwood sends the Riedels letters describing her experiences, and they say each testimonial is more inspiring than the last.

She's studied sickle cell anemia in Kenya, educated the public about health issues for the March of Dimes, conducted research at an Athens biotechnology firm and studied virology at the University of Utrecht in The Netherlands. And in spring 2000, she became one of 309 undergraduates nationwide to earn the renowned Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship.

Her parents, Jerry and Diana Norwood, are amazed at the opportunities the Cutler Scholars program has provided their daughter. Her father, a bartender at a Bridgeport civic club, and her mother, a car dealership clerk, faithfully track Norwood's academic distinctions.

"Just look at all the doors this scholarship has opened for her," Diana Norwood says. "In my era, when you got out of high school, you got married, but it's not that way anymore. We knew she would do well."

Her parents always have expected great things from her. And Norwood is expecting even greater things from herself: She's applying to medical school.

"This program has given me the confidence to know what I want to do with my life," she says. "It didn't just give me money to go to school; it encouraged me to spread my wings and try the unfamiliar."



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When he was 24, Thomas Carpenter decided to be a poet. He moved to a secluded Greek island, rented a house and started putting words on paper. But he quickly discovered that the ancient country's rich history and culture were far more stimulating than any lilted verse.

"We think we understand who we are, but certain experiences give us an entirely different perspective on ourselves and the possibilities in life," says Carpenter, who spent most of that year wandering Greece and cementing his interest in the classical world.

Today, Carpenter recaptures that adventurous, youthful fire when he's teaching Ohio University students about life during the Roman Empire.

"I hate to see students moving through and not absorbing something, so I try to inspire them," says Carpenter, who in 1997 became the first Charles J. Ping Professor of Humanities, an eminent scholar position supported by private dollars.

Students say his passion is undeniable.

"He loves what he's teaching; and he doesn't just teach; he welcomes your thoughts," says Francesca Gallo, a junior who switched her major from interpersonal communications to classics after taking Carpenter's classes.

"He wants you to understand it and get involved in it."

Carpenter's enthusiasm, however, stems from more than a young man's 12-month escapade overseas. The experience put him on a path toward an illustrious career as a scholar of ancient Greek archaeology, art and religion. A graduate of Johns Hopkins, Harvard and Oxford universities, the multilingual professor is highly respected for his college textbooks and professional articles.

But rather than spend his days on archaeological digs in Italy (he does research there during summer and winter breaks) or leading a graduate program at an Ivy League



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school, he's teaching introductory classes to undergraduates.

"This is where the exploration of ideas and values can start, when students can catch fire and understand that there is a world of ideas out there waiting to be explored," he says.

Carpenter also directs the Charles J. Ping Institute for the Teaching of the Humanities, which promotes the study of classics, history, philosophy, language, literature and archaeology.

Toward that end, he's helped develop new humanities classes. In his Classical Athens course, Carpenter talks about contemporary issues from an ancient Greek perspective.

"We discuss attitudes toward capital punishment, slavery and homosexuality, all of which were accepted in classical Athens," he says. "I want students to look at themselves and history in a different light."

With the number of classics majors climbing (there are 22 currently), Carpenter defends the field to parents who wonder about the practicality of studying Latin or ancient history. His 2 cents: "Many law and business graduate schools look at a classics major and say, 'That's a disciplined student.'"

And if parents were familiar with Carpenter's class requirements, there'd be no questions asked.

"He maintains some of the highest standards at the University," says Classics Department Chair James Andrews. "He's very demanding, but students respond to it. His classes are always packed."

Carmana Milbry's insecurities swelled as she stood in Cleveland Hopkins International Airport. As the comfort of her father's goodbye hug quickly faded, she focused her thoughts on the impending 18-hour flight.

"I was a little nervous," says Milbry of her trip to Hong Kong last summer. "I had such a fear of airports and getting lost."

Until then, the Akron native's travel experiences consisted mostly of family vacations to Disney World, Niagara Falls and Canada. This time she was alone — and en route to the other side of the world.

But one goal kept her grounded: "I knew I wanted to do it myself — no teachers, no parents, just me."

Now the 20-year-old junior boasts a well-worn passport that's been stamped in Ecuador, Japan, China and the Czech Republic. And she's just getting started.

Milbry, a College of Business major, is one of 30 students in Ohio University's Global Learning Community, the only two-year certificate program of its kind in the nation.

Developed in 1998 as a pilot project, the GLC prepares students for leadership opportunities in a rapidly changing international environment. Courses aren't traditional in the sense that students listen to lectures and take tests. Instead, they are exposed to global issues and diverse cultures through team projects led by faculty.

"It's not an easy program," says GLC Director Greg Emery. "The students who join are motivated. They come to the program with a passion to learn more about

the world. They also know that you need a global perspective to be successful in the business world today."

Like most GLC students, Milbry lives on the ninth floor of Bromley Hall, where she and her classmates work on consulting projects for overseas companies and organizations.

Large corporations often work with students on

product innovations, such as an idea proposed by Milbry and her classmates to develop laundry detergent in tablet form for Cincinnati-based Procter & Gamble.

Another recent team project took students to Ecuador, where they presented ideas to automobile executives on how to boost car sales.

But Milbry's most rewarding trip began as her most nerve-racking. In Hong Kong, she worked as an intern at the Asia Pacific headquarters of EDS, a Fortune 100 computer services company headed by Ohio University alumnus Dick Brown.

Besides working in the areas of finance, marketing and portfolio management, she learned a few Cantonese phrases, the proper way to fix Asian noodles and, most of all, how to open up to another culture.

"You see that people are people," says Milbry, who plans to return to

Hong Kong this summer to lead the company's internship program. "And you also learn that people are different, but not because of race, culture or gender. They're different because they're individuals."

And that's the most important lesson to learn.



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ei Futamura's world is a whirl of color and motion. He can't discern such details as facial features or style of dress but recognizes friends through other physical and vocal clues. Although he's legally blind, Futamura's combined senses are keen enough to keep him from using a cane or guide dog.

"I'm very independent," he says, "and I've never seen my disability as a limitation."

A senior social work major, Futamura believes it's important for people with disabilities to become thriving members of their communities. That's why he's such a proponent of Alden Library's Shostack Room, which provides special equipment and services to the physically challenged.

Futamura uses the room's technology to enlarge whole pages of type onto a monitor and software that increases the size of computer type and reads aloud scanned pages of print.

"It's made a big difference in the time I can spend at the library," he says. "The technology allows me to do research right here."

The equipment was purchased three years ago with funds donated by Lynn Shostack, president of Joyce International in New York City. Shostack, who is a longtime supporter of organizations that serve people

with disabilities, chose to help Ohio University because she coordinated honors programming during President Emeritus Vernon Alden's administration and considers him a mentor.

"Libraries, even more than classrooms or curb cuts, represent an asset to people with disabilities," Shostack says. "Through access to the tremendous storehouse of information spanning every possible area of human knowledge, students with disabilities can build the skills they need to improve their lives.



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They can, in fact, educate themselves."

After earning his degree, Futamura hopes to return to his native Japan to promote

understanding about the disabled.

"In Japan, people can be close-minded because they have not had much experience with people with disabilities," says Futamura, 24. "Any isolated community should be integrated into the whole community, whether they're poor, those with different sexual orientations or people with disabilities. We should be respected."

Melissa Rake is assistant editor of Ohio Today. Landon Nordeman is a graduate assistant in photography with Ohio University Media Services.

\$41 MILLION FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

More than 100 Cutler Scholarships have been committed to Ohio University, and the goal is to raise \$25 million to support 100 more. Another \$10 million will finance general scholarships, and \$6 million will create at least one endowed graduate student fellowship in every department with advanced degree programs.

\$70 MILLION FOR ENDOWED CHAIRS AND NAMED PROFESSORSHIPS

Endowed chairs and named professorships allow Ohio University to recruit and retain eminent scholars. The campus now supports 15 endowed chairs in seven departments. About \$56 million would be set aside to establish 28 new endowed chairs at an average of \$2 million each to serve at least half of the 56 academic departments. Another \$14 million would endow one named professorship at \$250,000 or more in each department.

\$20 MILLION FOR INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS

Ohio University seeks funding to expand these groundbreaking programs that influence students' development and benefit the region.

- The Global Learning Community: This academic certificate program with an international focus has proved successful as a pilot project, and \$5 million is sought to expand the program.
- The George V. Voinovich Center for Leadership and Public Affairs provides educational and technical resources to government, education, business and nonprofit organizations. Endowed funds totaling \$5 million will provide more opportunities for students and faculty to participate in the center's activities.
- Among the University's regional outreach programs are Kids on Campus, serving disadvantaged Athens County children; College of Osteopathic Medicine services offered to families; and the Center for Community Service, through which students volunteer to assist area residents in a variety of ways. An endowment of \$10 million will strengthen these types of programs.

\$18 MILLION FOR TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS

- An endowment of \$11 million will support Ohio University Libraries' technology initiatives.
- Technology allows students and faculty to connect with their counterparts throughout the world. The goal is to raise \$7 million to outfit classrooms and laboratories and build on existing infrastructure to expand international collaborations.



\$87 MILLION FOR CAMPUS FACILITIES

The University has developed an \$87 million wish list to build or renovate facilities across campus. Private dollars are being sought, in combination with state funds, for these projects:

- \$25 million for a new student center: Baker University Center, built in 1951 for 5,000 students, no longer adequately serves the Athens campus.
- \$15 million for a new College of Communication facility: Most of the college's academic schools and departments, which are spread across campus, need to be relocated in one main facility.
- \$15 million for a performing arts center: A venue for the arts would benefit both the campus and community and serve as the focal point for a new entrance to East Green.
- \$10 million for a sciences classroom building: This state-of-the-art science lecture hall and technologically advanced classroom facility will allow faculty to integrate technology into learning.
- \$12 million for an engineering research facility: The Russ College of Engineering and Technology is outgrowing its Stocker Center home and requires more research and classroom space.
- \$10 million to enhance athletics facilities: Improvements include the renovation and expansion of Peden Stadium, which began in November, and construction of a softball stadium and an indoor track and field/turf practice facility.

Additional campaign information is available at www.ohio.edu/giving.

Takin' it to the Streets

By Corinne Colbert

Sweatshirts. Baseball caps. Heck, even mouse pads. Face it: There are plenty of ways to show your Bobcat pride including on your license plates. *Ohio Today* put out a call some months back for the most creative Bobcat plates. Here are the stories of the Ohio University faithful who responded.



Honk for Ohio

Robert Rudy, BBA '74, isn't alarmed when drivers on I-68 honk and pull up beside him. He knows from experience it's not road rage; they're just reacting to his OHIO 74 license plate.

"It's the road that everyone from Ohio takes to get to Washington, D.C., and Baltimore," he says. "I get cars that pull up behind me beeping their horns and flashing their lights, and then they hold up OU caps or sweatshirts."

Robert's wife, Amy Roberts Rudy, BSHEC '73, is an Athens native, so they often make the drive to campus from their home in Oakland, Md., where they own a ski and golf store.

And now their daughter Alison is a sophomore on campus.

"I guess she's just overwhelmed by Bobcats," he says. No wonder: Two of Robert's sisters are Ohio alums, as are his wife's brother, sister, parents and grandmother.

All about compromise

When she was single, Celeste Tobias Grider, BSED '83, had license plates that read OHIO U. But when she married, she had the feelings of a former Bowling Green State University baseball player to consider.

The solution? They bought plates for their family van that touted both schools: OU BGSU.


"Brian said we could put OU first because they were doing better in the MAC that year," Celeste says.

The plates are out of circulation at the moment because the Franklin, Tenn., family of five sold the van. But come plate renewal time, Celeste plans to put the OU BGSU message on their new station wagon.

"It's had enough I had to give up the van," she says, "but to have to give up the plate?"

Editor's exemption

In 1998, Dave Waitkus, BSJ '82, wanted a special plate for his new Dodge Durango. The only trick was finding the right one. He wanted



something that reflected his work as a writer and editor for American Electric Power's monthly magazine in Columbus.

"I tried variations on OU and Bobcat, but I couldn't make anything work," he says. "Then I came up with OU RITER."

It's been a little difficult for Waitkus, who benefited from the "fine tutelage" of Scripps School of Journalism professors, to live down what appears to be a misspelling on his plate. Friends love to point out his apparent error. "I usually just say, 'Yes, I know,' and look at the person until they realize I did it on purpose."

Double duty

Pete Yanity, BSJ '85, got more than a partner when he married his wife, Kelly. He also got a license plate that reads IM 4 OU. But strangely, Kelly isn't a Bobcat.

"My wife attended Oklahoma University, so it works for both of us," he says.

The plate is on the couple's 1991 Ford Probe, which Pete inherited in a spousal car swap. "The car has run much better since it's been under the Ohio banner," he jokes.

Living in South Carolina, Pete often has to explain the plate. "Sometimes I have to say, 'We're not Ohio State,'" notes Pete, sports director for WSPA-TV in Spartanburg, S.C. The explanation got easier this past football season: "I get to say that we're the ones who beat Minnesota."

Other plate sightings

CATSOU

"I live in Toledo and there are a lot of Bowling Green and Toledo grads, so I thought it would be best to have an Ohio University license plate to show off my school pride," says George Sydlowski, BSIH '97.

RUN 4 OU

Ohio University track and cross country coach Elmore Banton, BSGS '65, uses his plates to boast about his team and aid his memory. "I have a terrible time remembering license plates," he says.

OU MS

"I proudly display my Bobcat plates, especially living in the Columbus area — Buckeye territory!" says Carolyn Gasiorek, BSHE '75, MSHE '80, of Dublin, Ohio.

MAB OU and OU MAB

Mary Ann Baker, BSED '86, and Michael A. Baker, BBA '84, of The Plains, Ohio, simply flip-flopped a few letters.

OU CFO

Ohio University Vice President for Finance Richard Siemer touts his chief financial officer role.

BOBCTS

Eric Mayberry, BS '97, of Hilliard, Ohio, backs the University's mascot.

CATS 69

Tim Fread, BBA '69, of Toledo supports the Class of 1969.

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Jan Lovett, a retired Ohio University secretary who lives in The Plains, sports this message on her green convertible.

OU 1

Dee Mowry, associate professor emeritus of biological sciences at the Lancaster Campus, shows his regional campus pride.

OU MOM

Alumna Frances Channell of Athens shows she's the proud parent of Maggi Channell, BSJ '73 and MA '80, director of events and communications for the Ohio University president's office.

OU 1804

Speaking of the president, Robert Glidden's plate reflects the University's founding year.

OUSING

OU's director of choral activities, Peter Jarjisan, encourages vocalizing your school spirit.

OHIOU, B5GRAD, 90GRAD, 92GRAD

These license plates are all in the family. From left, they are owned by Ohio University Alumni Association Chair Bill Burke, DO '88; his wife, Deborah Burke, BSCH '85; and Deborah's sisters Lori Wenner, AB '90, and Lisa Wenner, BSC '92.

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"I graduated in 1994 and was in the Marching 110," says Jennifer Bowie, BSJ '94 and MS '99, who's still on campus as assistant dean for development in University College.

OU MBA

Ron Lykins, MBA '67, PHD '71, of Westerville, Ohio, publicizes his master's in business.

40HIO

These letters are found on a University of Florida plate, allowing Tom Shouvin, BGS '73, and his wife, Lynn, BSED '73, of Jacksonville, Fla., to keep their ties to Ohio University while supporting the school their children attend.


OHIO 49

"I sure don't want to advertise Penn State!" says N. Wayne St. John, BSOM '49, of Womelsdorf, Pa.

OU-269

The radio call numbers of Roger Imboden, a member of the University's Facilities Management staff, are reflected on his license plates. Imboden is a 24-year employee.

OHIO110

Former Marching 110 member Rachel Karnes Thomas, BSHCS '99, of Stillwater, Okla., received this plate as a Christmas present. Its Ohio counterpart belongs to Don R. Day Jr., BS '69, of Cleveland. 


Corinne Colbert, BSJ '87 and MA '93, is a freelance writer living in Amesville, Ohio.

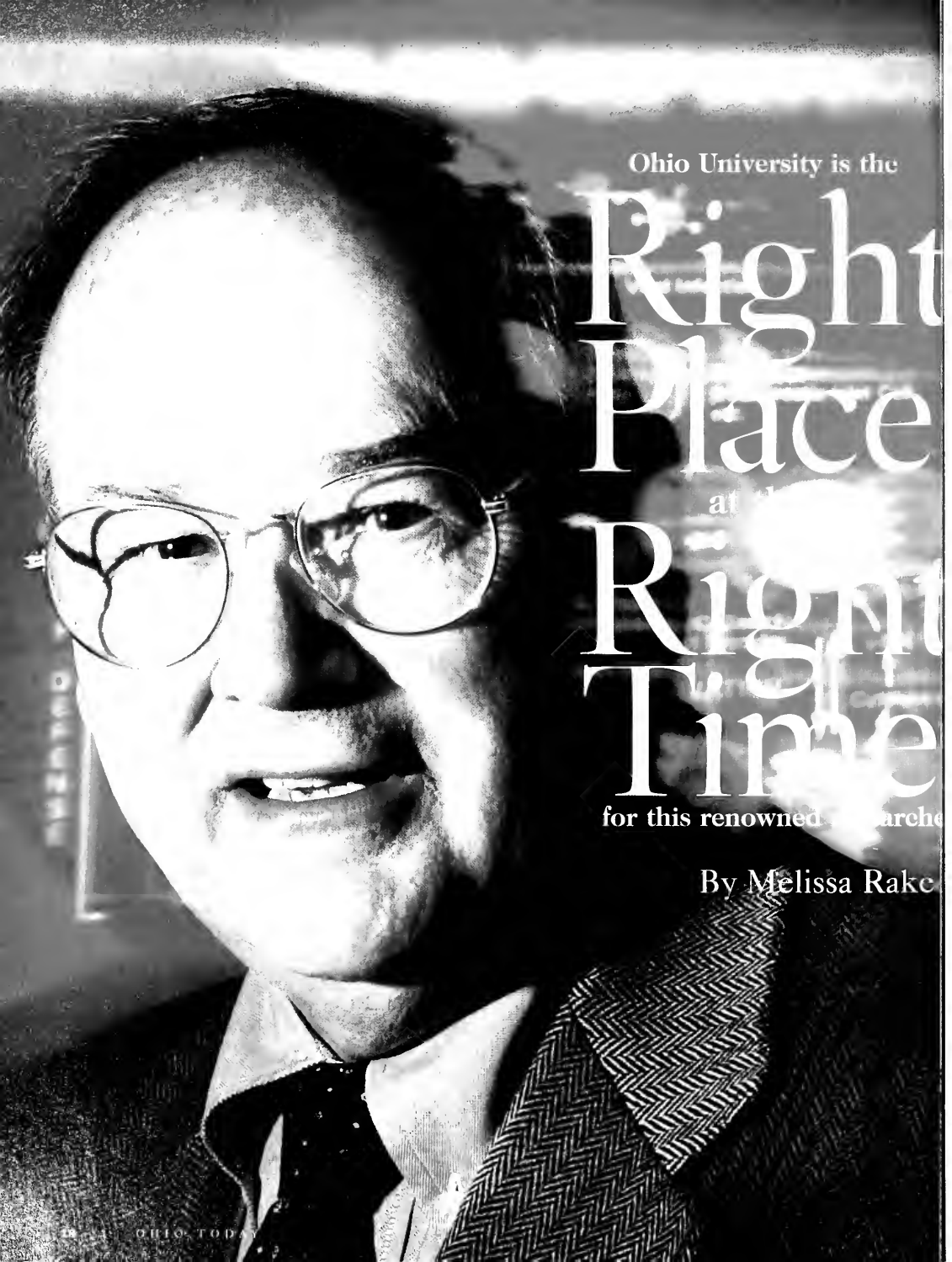
Take your school spirit on the road

If you live in Ohio, you can show your school spirit by displaying an Ohio University license plate. Collegiate plates cost an additional \$35 per year, \$25 of which goes to the University's scholarship fund. According to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, more than 3,600 Ohio University plates have been sold since 1994 — generating a whopping \$98,675 for scholarships.

But Bobcats still have some catching up to do: In 1999, Ohio University plates were the fourth-highest seller in the state behind Ohio State, Miami and Cincinnati, in that order.

With more than 74,000 alumni living in Ohio, the University could generate about \$1.8 million for scholarships if each of them purchased a plate boasting of their alma mater. You can call your local BMV for details.





Ohio University is the

Right Place at the Right Time

for this renowned research

By Melissa Rake

All of us face decisions in life that ultimately define our future. In Leonard Kohn's 65 years, he has found himself at three such crossroads:

- Whether to switch his major to pre-med in 1959 when his Columbia College professors told him he wasn't creative enough to be an architect.

- Whether to ask Miriam Bender — an Israeli soldier he'd met on a bus while visiting her country as a student — to marry him.

- Whether to leave a prestigious 36-year research career at the National Institutes of Health this winter for a senior scientist position at Ohio University.

Kohn, happily married and an architect of the human body rather than buildings, predicts the outcome of his latest decision will be as immeasurably rewarding as his others. With Ohio University's help, the veteran scientist plans to translate his years of research into drugs and technologies that could help millions of people suffering from autoimmune diseases such as lupus, diabetes, multiple sclerosis and Graves' disease.

"This is a phenomenal opportunity for me to engage in converting basic science research into practical applications that can improve lives," says Kohn, who this month begins a five-year position as a senior research scientist with Ohio University's Edison Biotechnology Institute.

Kohn's research delves into autoimmunity, or what happens when the human body's immune system mistakenly recognizes its own proteins as foreign invaders and produces antibodies that attack healthy cells and tissues. About 50 million Americans — the majority of them women — suffer from some 80 autoimmune diseases, according to the American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association.

Ohio University officials began courting Kohn for the research position more than a year ago. They were interested in his work in developing drugs to prevent the immune system from turning against itself as well as technologies that actually create autoimmune diseases to fight a specific virus or tumor in the body.

Although his special interest has been studying Graves' disease, which affects the thyroid, his research can be applied to other autoimmune-related disorders. Kohn also is looking at developing diagnostic tools that will detect autoimmunity, as well as viruses such as AIDS and hepatitis, at an early stage.

In a unique move, Ohio University pooled funds from public and private sources to present Kohn a package he couldn't refuse. His position is supported by a \$900,000 grant from the state's Technology Action Fund and a \$1.97 million investment from the University. The Ohio University Foundation and private companies, including Diagnostic Hybrids Inc., an Athens biotechnology firm with which Kohn already had been working.

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— Leonard Kohn

The money will support not only Kohn's salary but space in Konneker Research Labs, equipment and an international research team of six post-doctoral fellows and a visiting scientist. Besides doing research, the medical doctor will teach and mentor graduate and undergraduate students and collaborate with the College of Osteopathic Medicine to conduct clinical trials based on his research.

"This is a pretty path-finding move for our institution," says Vice President for Research John Bantle of efforts to attract Kohn. "By bringing him here, we expect to better compete for biotechnology grants and see more businesses come here as a result."

The University will receive royalties from Kohn's work as well as an elevated reputation that could attract more experienced researchers like him to campus, says David Wight, director of the Edison Biotechnology Institute. Kohn brings with him a for-profit company, Interthyr Corp., which will be based in the University's Innovation Center and serve as a vehicle for commercializing his work.

"The institute is here to harness the innovation of faculty and use it to create economic development in the region and state," Wight says. "Leonard Kohn's addition will allow us to extend our efforts in technology innovation and commercialization — something at which Ohio University has been very successful."

EBI, established in 1984 to focus on life sciences research, is one of the nation's few university programs that includes technology commercialization as part of its mission. With 19 U.S. patents, the institute helps place Ohio University among the country's top 10 universities in technology innovation.

Kohn joins a handful of other prominent research scientists at the institute working in gene therapy, traditional Chinese medicine, diabetes, growth hormone, obesity and other areas. Compared to the National Institutes of Health, a government agency of about 10,000 scientists, EBI is a close-knit family.

"The National Institutes of Health is immense, and you're very spread out," Kohn says. "It's much more direct here, and I think that should be fun. I can look down the hall and theoretically barge into my colleague's office and ask a question."

That same intimate atmosphere carries over into the Athens community, a setting quite different from Bethesda, Md., where he lived for more than 30 years. But the change is welcome: Kohn grew up the son of a butcher in Easton, Pa., an industrial community of about 30,000 residents.

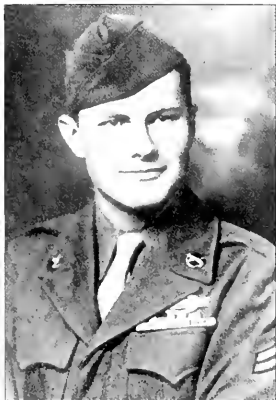
"It's nice getting back to a small town," he says. "Everything is exceeding my expectations and is more fulfilling than I had imagined." □

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Good Men

Six WWII veterans share their memories during campus visit

By Jack Jeffery



an Ohio University professor emeritus of history, was taken prisoner during the Battle of the Bulge.

(center in the top photo) stands to the left of Lt. Col. Jimmy Doolittle in a photo taken in China after the raid on Tokyo.

World War II was a global conflict of immeasurable proportions, told and retold in a half century of history books, documentaries and movies. Yet for the men and women who lived it, the war was a very personal experience, one that revealed the best and worst sides of human nature.

Gifford Doxsee saw hatred personified in "Junior," a member of the Hitler Youth who stood guard over the American GI and others captured in the Battle of the Bulge. Junior took special pleasure in tormenting Kurt Vonnegut, prodding the future "Slaughterhouse-Five" author with a bayonet as he cleared rubble following Allied bombings of Dresden. "Kurt demonstrated nerves of steel," said Doxsee, an Ohio University professor emeritus of history. "I had he even once so much as uttered a whisper of protest, he knew it would cost him his life."



George Klare

George Klare witnessed kindness and heroism in the act of a German guard who dispersed an angry crowd of German citizens in the city of Fulda and led Allied prisoners to safety. The guard, a Luftwaffe captain, had lost his own family in the Allied bombing of Germany. "I owe my life to him," said Klare, distinguished professor emeritus of psychology and a navigator who was shot down over Germany. "He was the bravest man I ever saw."

James Drumwright learned that preparation and faith can overcome fear when he stormed Omaha Beach on D-Day against a hail of German gunfire. "We trained nearly two years for that moment, and all we did was an extension of that training," said Drumwright, BFA '49. "I felt, and I still feel, there is a hand on my shoulder guiding me through moments like that."

These men were among six former Ohio University students and faculty members who shared their World War II experiences — some for the first time — during a panel discussion on campus this past fall. An overflow crowd of 125 spectators listened intently as cameras rolled, capturing the event for broadcast in November on Ohio University Public Television. Distinguished Professor of History Alonzo Hamby served as moderator.



John Jones completed 50 combat missions during the war.

The discussion evolved from conversations Ohio University President Robert Glidden has had with alumni over the years. "I have repeatedly heard about war heroes from the University," Glidden said, "and this forum offered an opportunity for some of them to share their stories with current students."

The veterans, who were of college age when called to duty, had sage advice for today's students.

"Take advantage of every opportunity to achieve your goals," said alumnus Richard Cole, who left Ohio University in 1941 to join the service. "Be aggressive in doing so, but not at the expense of others."

The war left a lifelong impression on Cole, but it didn't bridle his spirit. "Having seen the worst of life at a young age, it helped me set my priorities, be thankful for my blessings and live a happy, productive life," said Cole, who was Jimmy Doolittle's co-pilot in the raid over Tokyo.

As a young man in the Virginia National Guard, Samuel Williams was contemplating his discharge when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. He went on to fly 35 combat missions over Germany and Russia as a B-17 crew chief.

"I was never afraid of anything back then, and I'm still not afraid of anything," said Williams, BSIE '48. "I had a knife strapped to one leg and a pistol strapped to the other. If I was going to go down, I was going down fighting."

Like the others, the war provided a proving ground for John Jones, BSCO '49, who completed 50 combat missions as a command officer and trained with the late actor Jimmy Stewart to instruct B-24 pilots.

"It matured us very quickly," he said. "All at once, you're in a situation where you're completely on your own and you have to stand in there and be your own person. From what I saw, everyone measured up and did their jobs. I think the present generation would do the same thing under similar circumstances."

The sacrifice, the veterans said, was worth the price.



James Drumwright

"When you're locked in a cell and everything is done at the whim of a guard with a gun, you learn to appreciate freedom."



Richard Cole was Jimmy Doolittle's co-pilot in the raid over Tokyo.



"War is mean, cruel, dirty, heartless and unforgiving," Cole said, "but there are times when freedom is at stake, and it must be resorted to."

Added Klare: "I didn't know what freedom was because I didn't know what it wasn't. When you're locked in a cell and everything is done at the whim of a guard with a gun, you learn to appreciate freedom."

The veterans' lessons weren't lost on their audience, said ROTC student Justin Coffman.

"I was impressed by the sheer power of hearing them talk," Coffman said. "I can't imagine the fright they must have felt. But, somehow, they found something deep inside that allowed them to go on, and I admire that. It makes you want to do more for your country and for other individuals." ■

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Pieces of history

A letter from Lt. Col. Jimmy Doolittle, reassuring Richard Cole's mother that her son was homesick but OK, is among the World War II memorabilia donated to Alden Library's Archives and Special Collections Department by alumnus Richard Cole of Comfort, Texas.

Cole was Doolittle's co-pilot when he led 16 B-25 bombers in a raid over Tokyo on April 18, 1942. The Richard Cole Collection offers a glimpse of Cole's exploits during the daring raid and his service throughout the war.

Among the items, which have been donated over the past two years, is a photo of Cole and Doolittle with some of the Chinese civilians and government officials who rescued them after they bailed out over China following the raid. The collection also includes a lithograph of a B-25 bomber, which is signed by survivors of the raid.

When Cole parachuted from the plane, he tugged his ripcord so hard he gave himself a black eye. That ripcord is among the donated items.

Everyday Miracles

Southern Campus'
equine program helps
students harness dreams

By Jennifer Kirksey Smith

Photography by Rick Fatica





CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: Nikki Ele, an equine studies major, walks therapeutic riding student Shelly Colvin and her horse out of a barn at the Ohio Horse Park; Rebecca Phelps, AAS '00, feeds Marty a treat; a view of the park's entrance.

Rebecca Phelps was the young colt's last hope. A skittish, rusty brown paint horse, blind in one eye, Marty darted to the back of his stall when anyone approached. Even his owner, who donated him to the Southern Campus' Equine Studies Program, was convinced no one could train him.

Phelps proved him wrong. Quiet and patient, she introduced Marty to the human touch through small grooming tasks. Slowly, he responded.

"I had to take my time with him," says Phelps, who earned a bachelor's degree in preveterinary medi-

cine from Ohio University in 1999 and an associate's degree in equine studies this past summer. "Some of the other students' horses caught on quicker, but because of Marty's vision handicap, we were a little behind on some milestones."

Today, Marty is a gentle horse full of personality.

"We knew Rebecca could do it," says horse barn manager Donita Jones, AAS '98. "She was quiet and gentle — just what Marty needed."

The 50 to 60 students who take equine studies courses each quarter discover a newfound relationship

with the horses they have come to study. The two-year associate in applied science degrees they are pursuing prepare them for careers as barn managers, horse trainers, equine journalists and horse show or event managers.

Nestled between the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains and the Ohio River, the Ohio Horse Park serves as the program's central nervous system. It sits on more than 180 acres in Franklin Furnace, Ohio, about 15 miles from the Southern Campus in Ironton. The sprawling complex includes a main



Vicki Oliver (left), a teacher at Portsmouth's Grant Middle School, works with Director of Therapeutic Riding Kelly Davidson during a class involving Oliver's student.

barn housing 40 horses, a breeding facility, indoor and outdoor riding arenas, extensive trails and a new classroom building.

The program, developed in 1994, differs from other universities' offerings because it isn't associated with agriculture or preveterinary fields of study. Students have requirements to fulfill in four areas: equine science and health; equine business, farm and stable management; riding; and field experiences and internships.

"When we created this program, we examined similar programs offered at other universities," says Director of Equine Studies Connie Maxx, who splits her time between the Equine Studies Program and the math classes she teaches at the Southern Campus. "We wanted to develop a more general program, one not so specialized that it

focused just on riding or science."

Students, who enroll in equine studies for many different reasons, seem to appreciate the latitude.

Nikki Elek of Hilliard, Ohio, was drawn by the opportunity to bring her own horse, Missy, to campus. The University owns 15 horses, while 25 — including Missy — are leased to the program.

"I love the small class atmosphere here," says Elek, who plans to become a riding instructor and eventually own a horse barn. "We are all like family down here."

Kevin Sloas, a paramedic from Flatwoods, Ky., simply wants to learn more about horses. "My daughters ride horses," he says, "and I wanted to educate myself."

Besides training students, the program reaches out to the community through its one-of-a-kind Center for Therapeutic Riding,



Equine studies major Danita Reed of Flatwoods, Ky., leads a horse to its stable.



LIGHT Middle-schooler Arjon Patel participates in a game teaching students how to identify different parts of a horse. The sun sets on the Ohio Horse Park.



The center provides riding as therapy to individuals of all ages who face mental, emotional, behavioral, physical and educational challenges.

"Most recognized forms of therapy are for physical disabilities," says Director of Therapeutic Riding Kelly Davidson. "We focus more on behavioral challenges. Nor many barns are doing this, and that makes us unique."

Nearly 300 children have participated in riding therapy since the center opened in May 1999. They are referred by teachers, social workers, mental health professionals, foster care boards and parents.

"It is amazing to see these children bloom," says Davidson, who has a master's degree in social work. "Some start out shy or have classroom conduct problems. Then all of a sudden, it happens."

Some activities even improve students' academic skills. In one math game, riders roll large fuzzy dice, add the numbers together, then walk their horses the corresponding number of steps.

The horse park also offers an extensive breeding facility. Last year, 160 privately owned mares from Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia were artificially inseminated, and semen samples were collected from 12 stallions for shipment to horse breeders throughout the United States and Canada.

A new wing of stalls will allow the facility to expand this aspect of the operation during the January-to-June breeding season.

Located just two hours from Lexington, Ky., the horse park benefits from its proximity to the heart of the equine industry as well as its already solid reputation for producing professionally trained graduates. As the program moves forward, the University is exploring an international exchange program for equine studies students and faculty.

"I had no idea it would come this far this fast," Mays says. "When this program was created, I was told to dream big. Our dreams are coming true — and getting bigger." ■

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Piping hot

Theater grad heats up Tinseltown

By Melissa Rake

Piper Perabo is still early enough in her acting career to be caught off guard by exuberant fans stopping her in the grocery store.

"It's strange that people recognize me," says the recent Ohio University grad and one of Hollywood's newest arrivals. "It always surprises me. It's funny to run into people who know your work."

More movie-goers are recognizing Perabo for leading roles she played in two popular movies last summer — "The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle" and "Coyote Ugly." And they soon can watch her in "Lost and Delirious," an independent film slated for release later this year.

When the theater major graduated from Ohio University in 1998, she never thought she'd see her name topping the movie credits just a few years later. Perabo acknowledges she's still catching her breath — both from the whirlwind of early stardom and the road she took to get there.

After earning her degree, Perabo set out on the aspiring actor's path to New York City, and like thousands of her struggling colleagues, she took a night job as a cocktail waitress while auditioning for roles during the day.

"I was not a good waitress," Perabo jokes, "so I was really fortunate to get work as quickly as I did."

It obviously wasn't Perabo's drink-mixing skills that caught the eye of "Coyote Ugly" producers; maybe it had something to do with how the movie's script mirrored her real life. She plays a young woman from New Jersey (her actual hometown is Toms River, N.J.) who heads to New York City and works as a bartender in the rowdy club "Coyote Ugly" while pursuing the dream of becoming a singer and songwriter.

Although her fast-paced schedule has meant less time for friends and family, she still stays in touch with her college adviser, Professor of Theater Bill Condee. Perabo seeks his advice on script choices as well as the business side of the profession. In fact, Perabo called Condee after taping a segment of "The Tonight Show" just days before this interview last fall.

"My impression is that all this is very startling for her, but she has this determination about anything she sinks her teeth into," he says.

Perabo expresses that determination in her acting, says Condee, who describes her as having "kind of an oversized personality."

"I read in a review of 'The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle' that her acting style was exaggerated, but to me, it's pure Piper," he says. "I've seen her anguished in my office and throwing fits over whether she should take chemistry or physics."

As a student, Perabo spent hours rehearsing for School of Theater productions and challenged herself academically as an Honors Tutorial College student, graduating *summa cum laude*. She'll tell you, though, that her preferred choice of intellectual stimulation is the theater. Her dream is to own a theater company in New York City and work with interesting artists on some "really avant-garde stuff."

"There's so much good playwrighting out there that in some ways, it's hard to compare it to film. The number of plays I've read far exceed the number of film scripts I've read," says Perabo, whose favorite works include "anything



written by Anton Chekhov."

Her flair for theater surfaced as a child when she directed skits that she, her younger brother, Adam, and older brother, Noah, performed for their grandmother. The grassroots productions obviously inspired Adam, who enrolled in Ohio University's School of Theater this past fall. The 19-year-old has enjoyed watching his sister succeed.

"It's been intense for the whole family," he says. "It's emotional for us to see her happy and successful and fun to watch her on TV and in movies and magazines. It's pretty wild."

Likewise, it's exciting for Perabo to watch her brother experience Ohio University.

"I'm so happy for him because I got such a well-rounded theater education at Ohio," she says. "It's so beautiful there and somewhat removed, so I could really focus on my work."

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Military man in good company

By Sally Jeffery

An Ohio University alumnus has joined the ranks of such military legends as Gens. Colin Powell, Douglas MacArthur, Dwight D. Eisenhower and Robert E. Lee. What retired Lt. Gen. Robert Arter shares with these men is a place in the Fort Leavenworth Hall of Fame.

Arter, BSCOM '50, was inducted into the prestigious hall of fame this past fall.

"I have watched other induction ceremonies," he says, "and the thought never crossed my mind that I would someday be an inductee. I am extremely grateful for the honor."

The hall of fame recognizes leaders who have served at the Fort Leavenworth, Kan., military base and made significant contributions to the U.S. Army. The 83rd inductee, Arter is a former deputy commandant of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth. In retirement, he's serving as vice chairman of the board of the U.S. Armed Forces Bank.

Arter's military service, which spanned more than 35 years, culminated with his assignment as commanding general of the Sixth U.S. Army, which is based in San Francisco. Other military highlights: He served as a rifle platoon leader and company commander in the 35th Regimental Combat Team in Korea during the Korean War; commander of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division

in Vietnam; and commanding general of the U.S. Army Military District of Washington, D.C.

Symbolizing his achievements are dozens of military awards and decorations, including the Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star, the

Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantryman's Badge with Star.

Arter's lifelong interest in the military surfaced when he joined Ohio University's Reserve Officers Training Corps under the leadership of retired Col.

Glenn Gardner, COED '35 and BSED '44, an ROTC staff member.

"Glenn epitomized all that one looks for in a senior Army leader,"

Arter remembers. "He was demanding, smart and rose rapidly through the ranks."

Despite his ROTC duties, Arter found time to serve as class president in 1950. Even today, he con-

tributes time to his alma mater as a trustee of The Ohio University Foundation and chair of its investment committee.

"At Ohio University I found what I had hoped to find in an educational environment," Arter says. "The professors challenged me and were readily available. I also made lifelong friends."

No doubt the best of those is his wife, Lois Sayles Arter, BSED '50. Sally Jeffery is a freelance writer living in Athens.



Retired Lt. Gen. Robert Arter (left) and Lt. Gen. William M. Steele, commander of the U.S. Army Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., unveil a plaque commemorating Arter's induction into the Fort Leavenworth Hall of Fame.



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— Retired Lt. Gen. Robert Arter, BSCOM '50, a recent Fort Leavenworth Hall of Fame inductee



The Mistretta's crew includes (from left) Kevin Neidich, Jennifer B. Clancy, Jennifer A. Clancy and Bill Clancy.

Alumna, parents team up to fill local culinary niche

By Jennifer Kirksey Smith

After visiting their daughter while she was an Ohio University student and then a resident of the area after graduation, Bill and Jennifer A. Clancy fell in love with Athens. But with each visit, they realized there was a void: good Italian food.

So five years ago, the New Jersey family got the idea to open an Italian market and deli. This past summer, Mistretta's Italian Market became a reality at 9 N. Shafer St.

"All of our visits to Athens turned into our market research," Bill Clancy says. He left a career as a telecommunications consultant to help launch the business, while his wife gave up her printmaking job.

Mistretta's is one of several new Athens restaurants, including Avalanche Pizza and Damon's, both on East State Street; Buffalo Wild Wings Grill and Bar and Dave's Famous Subs, both on West Union Street; and the Pita Pit on North Court Street.

An upscale market, Mistretta's offers ingredients for home-cooked masterpieces and a deli stocked with hot carryout dishes. Big sellers include white vegetable lasagna, panini sandwiches, baked artichoke hearts and cannoli cake.

Jennifer B. Clancy, BFA '93, serves as Mistretta's manager, while her boyfriend, Kevin Neidich, BSCOM '98, also is part of the team. Meanwhile, Mom cooks and Dad runs the register and handles marketing.

"It feels good to provide food from home I know I missed when I was a student here," Jennifer B. Clancy says. "Students from bigger cities are used to more of a variety of foods."

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A fashion statement

Alumna shares merchandising know-how with students

By Melody Sands

Behind the scenes of the New York fashion world is an army of style sergeants — buyers and merchandisers who ensure that glamour-conscious consumers can choose from the hottest trends. For accessories sales representative Molly Brunton Doyle, the fast-paced lifestyle is so dynamic that she delights in sharing it with Ohio University students intrigued by the fashion industry.

But simply conveying career tips isn't enough for the incredibly energetic Doyle, BSHE '79. Every spring, she helps two or three undergraduate retail merchandise majors gain career experience as they travel with her, all expenses paid, to New York City for "market week," when fall fashions are laid out for department store buyers. Doyle covers the trip's cost with proceeds from an annual "samples sale" she conducts at her Cincinnati home with the students' help.

"When I see that market week helps change the students' view of the garment industry, and they become wiser about their chosen profession, then that's rewarding," Doyle says.

This year's students — Rachel Pearl and Jennifer Fangmann, both of Cincinnati, and Sharon Giroux of Houston — have a solid mentor in Doyle. Ensnared in a world of scarves, evening wraps, jewelry and handbags, she works for industry leader Cejon and Kenneth Cole Accessories.

The contacts she made earlier as an independent sales rep have enabled her to convince companies to provide her with free or deeply discounted samples, which she in turn sells to the more than 500 women who attend her annual sale. This year's extravaganza buried almost every room of her house in women's accessories and clogged the streets of her suburban Cincinnati neighborhood with shoppers' cars.

Doyle says her own "eye-opening experience" as a summer intern at a



Molly Doyle (top) will take three students, (from left) Sharon Giroux, Rachel Pearl and Jennifer Fangmann, to New York City this spring.

Columbus department store introduced her to the market week experience. So eight years ago, she started out small, paying the expenses of one student assistant by selling samples of sterling jewelry, fashion watches, scarves and socks. Today, the weeklong trip costs Doyle \$1,500 per student.

"The important thing is they get to experience what really occurs during market week appointments," Doyle says. "Buying appointments are business meetings at which financial statements, profitability, receipt plans and advertising are discussed."

Doyle includes the students in her meetings with buyers and enlists their help in cataloging and pricing samples and organizing showrooms.

"It's different from an internship because the students spend an intense few days immersed in the process of merchandising," says Ann Paulins, director of the School of Human and Consumer Sciences. "They can use this meaningful experience as a résumé builder, and in a job interview it gives them an edge."

Pearl, a senior, believes the experience will help her reach her goal of one day owning a cosmetics business.

"Being in New York is a different world than what we do in Ohio," she

says. "Molly's an exciting person, and it's amazing that she's giving us this opportunity."

Adds Giroux, also a senior: "We learn a lot in college, but real-world experience will shake up and reinforce my illusions about the fashion industry."

The students' work leaves a lasting impression on Doyle's peers, too.

"They always comment on the great work ethic of our students. They work their tails off, which makes our University look good," she notes.

Doyle comes by her own strong work ethic — and her loyalty to Ohio University — naturally. Her father, Wallace Brunton, was the only one of nine children in his Glouster, Ohio, coal mining family to graduate from college. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University in 1949.

"His ability to go to college made a difference in his life and made a difference in our lives," Doyle says. "When we were growing up, there was no question we were going to OU."

Brunton of Sarasota, Fla., describes his daughter as "high on life," someone who enjoyed her four years at Ohio University so much "she doesn't want to let go." He says it's a good bet his grandchildren — Doyle and her husband, Jeff, have two daughters, Katie, 14, and Kelsey, 10 — will follow their mother's footsteps to campus.

In the meantime, Doyle is relishing her own continuing connection with the University, and she encourages others to get involved.

"It amazes me how many people leave college and don't think the University ever needs their help," she says. "I'm just a normal person, and I can do it. My little samples sale is so meaningful — I just love it."

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FROM YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

A SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS



Diary of a survivor

By Michael Murphy

Nine contestants, 48 hours, one survivor. Sound familiar?

Ohio University's Student Alumni Board produced its own version of CBS' insanely popular "Survivor" drama this past fall — not on a desert island but in Athens' own Strouds Run State Park. The battle of wits, skills and strength, dubbed the "Last Bobcat Standing," was designed to generate publicity and new members for SAB, a student group that serves the University and its alumni.

More than 50 students applied for the weekend event, and SAB officers selected nine finalists based on personal character, campus involvement and diversity.

Every three hours, contestants had to vote one of the others out of the campsite. At the end of it all, sophomore Teresa Keysor, BSJ '03, was the "last Bobcat standing." Excerpts from a diary she kept during the ordeal follow in italics.

Day 1: Departing society

Contestants gather at Konneker Alumni Center in their first face-to-face meeting.

3 p.m.: I nervously grasp my brown paper bag. One measly paper bag is all I can bring. How will I ever make it through? I begin to examine the people surrounding me. Only two other girls — we will have to stick together.

The first challenge, a relay race in canoes, is a test of physical endurance. Two contestants flip their crafts, ending up in the drink. Their compassionate adversaries vote the soggy contestants out of the campsite because the air is cooling quickly. Keysor and the others build a shelter.

Day 2: A long day

Darkness and cold weather challenge the seven survivors.

3 a.m.: Never again will I scorn dorm rooms. All I can think about is how cold I am. The only heat I feel is coming from the strangers I am sharing a shelter with.

I have no idea where the blankets went.

10 a.m.: Our first tribal council of the day, where we again must choose someone to vote off the campsite. Out of bitterness and lack of sleep, we decide to get rid of the blanket thief. It is a harsh world.

By early afternoon, three of the six remaining competitors leave of their own accord, facing the reality that survival entails weathering all the elements, including boredom and isolation.

9 p.m.: Two boys and I remain. We are all

exhausted. Delirium starts to set in. Making our flashlights into fake swords, we mimic scenes from "Star Wars." It helps pass the time.

Day 3: The end is near

It becomes clear that the three remaining contestants have truly bonded, and the decision of who will become the sole survivor looms. A final scavenger hunt challenge eliminates one more Bobcat, leaving Keysor and contestant Mike Cusick to face the wrath of the returning competitors. By a one-vote margin, Keysor is declared the survivor.

11 a.m.: The moment of truth finally arrives. As the votes are tallied, I soon realize that I am the "last Bobcat standing." Excited at the honor, I am also a little sad to leave the friends I have made. Flashlight wars, playing tag, roasting marshmallows — "roughing it" was pretty fun.

Michael Murphy, BSJ and BA '02, is the Student Alumni Board's alumni relations coordinator.



Sophomore Teresa Keysor was the "last Bobcat standing" during a Student Alumni Board event this past fall.

Web-based classes offered

To keep alumni on track with today's ever-changing technology, the Division of Lifelong Learning is offering self-paced software and professional development classes via the Web.

Course topics range from computer basics and business communications to Web development. Alumni can register for six-month or one-year subscriptions that entitle them to unlimited access to the training software.

For more information, visit www.ohio.edu/disc or contact Lisa Dael at (740) 593-9925 or community.education@ohio.edu.

Golden Reunion planned

The Class of 1951's Golden Reunion is scheduled for June 15-17. For more information, call the Alumni Association at (740) 593-4300.

WOUB event a success

More than 175 alumni and friends from across the nation visited campus Nov. 3 and 4 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of WOUB-FM and honor individuals who have been influential in the public radio station's development.

Receiving the John Metzger Leadership Award were senior radio producer John Ray, MFA '67; Archie Greer, BFA '49, MFA '53, who managed the station from 1953 to '67 and later taught broadcasting; Joe Welling, who retired in 1995 after 25 years as director of the Telecommunications Center; and Presley Holmes, director of WOUB broadcasting from 1962 to '70.

For information about future Telecommunications Center alumni events, contact Doug Partusch at (740) 593-4748 or partusch@ohio.edu.

Alumnus creating network

An alumnus is organizing a network for interested gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender alumni and friends. Mickey Hart, BFA '93, MEd '98, hopes to link alumni and assist current Ohio University students. For more information, contact Hart at (740) 597-5013 or hartm@ohio.edu.

Black Alumni Reunion set for May

By Jason Papp

Camaraderie. Sentimental stories. Reconnecting with friends you haven't seen in years. Meeting new friends with ideas that could change your life. These are just a few of the benefits alumni will experience at the 2001 Black Alumni Reunion Weekend, May 18-20.

"Every three years, I look forward to the Black Alumni Reunion," says Stacey Brinkley, BBA '87 and MED '92, associate director of admissions at Ohio University. "I thoroughly enjoy hanging out with folks and reminiscing. The weekend is wonderful from beginning to end."

The last Black Alumni Reunion, held in 1998, drew more than 600 alumni from around the country.

Festivities this year will begin Friday, May 18, with a "Stone Soul Cookout" and an evening mixer at which alumni can catch up with old friends and meet new ones.

Activities on Saturday, May 19, will afford time to meet with students as well as any family members of alumni attending Ohio University. The afternoon will feature a University update and tours of the newly renovated Templeton-Blackburn Alumni Memorial Auditorium, which is named for the University's first male and female black graduates, the African American Alumni Heritage Wall and the new Lindley Cultural Center. The Black Alumni Dinner on Saturday evening will be followed by student



Alumni sing at a gathering during the 1998 Black Alumni Reunion on campus.

and staff performances in Memorial Auditorium. The fun will continue with an after-hours concert and dancing. The weekend will conclude with a farewell breakfast Sunday morning.

"The 2001 Black Alumni Reunion will offer Ohio University's more than 3,000 African-American alumni the opportunity to reconnect and learn about the nature of today's Ohio University experience," says Ralph Amos, assistant vice president and executive director of alumni relations. "Whether you have visited campus often or you haven't returned since the day you graduated, this reunion weekend will provide an enjoyable experience for everyone."

An introductory letter already has been sent, and registration materials will be mailed soon. For details, contact the Alumni Association at alumni@ohio.edu or (740) 593-4300.

Jason Papp, BSS '01, is the Alumni Association's marketing student assistant.

Tracking our grads

Are you trying to locate your freshman roommate? Wish you had the e-mail addresses of your fellow business majors? Wonder where a certain classmate is living?

Alumni will be able to answer these questions and more with the 2002 edition of the *Ohio University Alumni Directory*. The Alumni Association is joining with Publishing Concepts Inc. to produce and distribute a hardbound and CD-



ROM version of the directory that lists all 170,000 Ohio University alumni, living and deceased. The directory will be available for purchase by spring 2002.

Watch your mailbox for surveys asking you to update your records and provide information about how the association can improve its programs and services.

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New leader sets goals

By Jennifer Kirksey Smith

Ohio University Alumni Association Chair Bill Burke wants to see the association increase its visibility and reconnect with more of the University's most effective ambassadors — its alumni.

To achieve those goals, Burke, DO '88, says the association is assessing the effectiveness of its programs and initiatives and focusing on these five key areas:

- Raising funds for need- and merit-based scholarships through the 62 alumni chapters and 13 societies of alumni and friends.
- Encouraging alumni to aid in student recruitment and retention.
- Examining additional opportunities to provide lifelong learning and education to alumni through professional education or Alumni College offerings.
- Keeping alumni informed of new programs and initiatives so they can remain effective advocates for the University.
- Promoting a sense of community through fellowship and social activities, professional networking and community service in areas where alumni live.

Burke says members of the association's board of directors, which consists of alumni from various colleges, eras and ethnic backgrounds, devote a great deal of time to University business.

"I am grateful for the time they take out of their personal lives to come here and serve," says Burke, whose two-year term as chair began this past fall. "Their strength of character, diverse experiences and the way we gel and mesh as a group make coming back very exciting."

As chair of the association, Burke holds an ex-officio position on the Ohio University Board of Trustees. The nonvoting position benefits the board, the association and the University.

"The seat on the board increases the visibility of the association among the University's decision makers," Burke says. "We also offer an alumni voice and are able to discuss the impact of the board's decisions from a historical perspective."

Burke's passion for serving the University began when he was a student in the College of Osteopathic Medicine, where he was heavily involved in the college's student council. As an alumnus, he reconnected with his alma mater as a member of OU-COM's advisory board and Society of Alumni and Friends.

"As a student, I made valuable connections because of my involvement in student organizations," says Burke, who directs the family practice residency program at Doctors Hospital in Columbus. "I still use and cherish those connections to this day."

Burke's devotion to Ohio University is shared by his wife Deborah, BSCE '85, an involved alumna who received the Charles J. and Claire O. Ping Recent Graduate Award at Homecoming festivities this past fall. The couple and their two children, Lydia, 4, and Ross, 2, live in New Albany, Ohio, a suburb of Columbus.

Jennifer Kirksey Smith, BSJ '98, is a media specialist with Ohio University Media Services.



Alumni Association Chair Bill Burke.

At Your Service

Ohio University Alumni Association membership is free and automatic for anyone who has completed at least one year of study at the University. Members develop personal and professional networks, impact the University and share in special savings and products. Here are some of the association's services:

Ohio University Visa Card: Offers alumni a credit card with numerous features, including a low fixed annual percentage rate for the first five months, and then a subsequent reasonable interest rate; no annual fee; and a balance transfer option. Each time the card is used, the bank makes a contribution to Ohio University to support alumni programs at no additional cost to the cardholders. Call 1-800-537-6954 to apply.

Recreational Services: Allow alumni to use the Ping Student Recreation Center on a short- or long-term basis. Visit www.ohiou.edu/recreation/ping/ping.htm on the Web for an interactive tour or call (740) 593-4300 for more information.

Alumni Career Network: Provides the opportunity to network with fellow alumni across the United States and around the world. Call (740) 593-4300.

Volunteer Admissions Network: Allows alumni to share college experiences with high school students and encourage them to enroll at Ohio University. Call (740) 593-4116.

Awards Programs: Provide recognition and thanks from Ohio University to deserving alumni. Call (740) 593-4308.

University Apparel: Visit the Specialty Bookstore Web site at www.specialtybookstore.com for great Bobcat merchandise. A portion of the sales benefits the Alumni Association.

Sponsored Insurance Plans: Offer affordable rates on auto, term life, homeowners/renters, comprehensive major medical (not available to New York residents) and short-term medical insurance. For auto and home insurance, call 1-800-225-8285 and for life and medical insurance, call 1-800-922-1245 or visit the Web at www.alumni-insurance.com/ohio

Leadership Service: Allows alumni to guide the strategic direction of the association. Call (740) 593-4300.

Societies of Alumni and Friends: Allow alumni to network with and support specific schools and colleges. Call (740) 593-4300.

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Specialty License Plates: Contact your local Bureau of Motor Vehicles. A portion of the fee provides money for scholarships.

SERVICE SPOTLIGHT

Take the time to display your Bobcat pride

The official Ohio University watch has been released in a newly designed edition. The watch prominently features the University seal on its face in high relief and is finished in silver and 14-karat gold. It is available exclusively to graduates of Ohio University and is a tasteful way to display your affinity for your alma mater. The watch is offered in a calf-leather strap or stainless steel- and gold-finished bracelet and carries a three-year warranty.

For more information about the University's official timepiece, call 1-800-355-1145 and ask for Operator 226ALW.

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NEWS FROM OHIO ATHLETICS



The Man's a Legend

At nearly 90, longtime coach Kermit Blosser is still at work for Ohio Athletics

By George Mauzy

Walk through the cavernous halls of Ohio University's Convocation Center a time or two and you're bound to catch it: "Kermit, you're The Man!" That familiar label, usually reserved for the likes of sports icons Tiger Woods or Michael Jordan, is bantered about freely when Kermit Blosser ambles through.

Ohio University's winningest coach, Blosser has played or worked for Ohio University for parts of eight decades and been involved with more than 40 championship teams. And despite his approaching 90th birthday, he meets friends for coffee every morning at a Court Street restaurant and then heads to work at the men's golf office. These days, he focuses on keeping in touch with alumni and using his vast experience to assist with development work.

"Working in Athletics is the greatest thing I can do at this point in my life," Blosser says. "I feel it's my job to remind the staff, coaches and players about the history of Ohio University athletics and encourage them to continue the winning tradition."

A quick glance around the

Convocation Center office he shares with golf coach Bob Cooley hardly hints at Blosser's inclusion in 10 athletic halls of fame. But there are a few clues to his successes: a picture of a MAC championship golf team, a certificate from his induction into the Golf Coaches Association of America Hall of Fame and photos of Bob Littler Jr. and Bob Moock, his NCAA All-American golfers. On his desk are neat stacks of small papers bearing phone numbers and addresses of important contacts and the magnifying glass he uses to read them.

Outside the office, he still enjoys an occasional round of golf despite being legally blind for 23 years. "I always tell my playing partners that I can't see the ball, but don't bet on it," says the quick-witted Blosser. "I can still get in their pockets."

Cooley, BBA '71, played on two of Blosser's MAC championship golf teams and has coached the men's

team since Blosser retired.

"I have learned a lot from Kermit — on and off the course," Cooley says. "He's the most organized person I know. He was tough and demanding, but always fair, and that's one of the reasons everyone respects him."

A native of Enterprise, Ohio, just 30 miles from Athens, Blosser arrived on campus in the fall of 1928 to major in physical education. His talents quickly stood out. In football, he was a three-year starter at offensive and defensive end and today is believed to be the only living member of the 1929 team, the first to play at Peden Stadium. In 1932, he became the first Ohio University student to win an NCAA





Kermit Blosser (second from right) meets friends for coffee every morning at a Court Street fast-food restaurant.

national championship in any sport when he took the honor at the 191-pound weight class in wrestling.

Blosser earned his bachelor's degree in 1932 and soon became a high school coach-of-all-trades, mentoring football, basketball, wrestling and track athletes. After three years in World War II, he returned to campus in 1946 as an assistant football and wrestling coach and took on basketball coaching duties the next year.

Despite his versatile sports acumen, no one could have dreamed Blosser would become a legend in golf.

"In 1946, Athletics Director Don Peden asked me if I knew anything about golf," Blosser says. "I told him I didn't. Then he said, 'Start learning, because you're the new golf coach.'"

The adaptable Blosser led the University's golf team from 1947 to 1988 and produced a MAC-record 18 conference championships — not bad for a man who never touched a golf club until his mid-30s. The MAC Men's Golf Coach of the Year Award was renamed in Blosser's honor in 1990.

Regardless of the sport, Blosser relied on a coaching philosophy that revolved around mental toughness and a positive attitude. And his players responded.

"Coach was a man of perfection," says former Bobcat golfer Jack Schrom, BSJ '67, of Worthington, Ohio. "He wouldn't accept anything but our best effort. He is a man of conviction."

Dow Finsterwald, undoubtedly Blosser's most accomplished protégé, went on to win a dozen PGA events, including the '58 PGA Championship.

"He taught his players that you can overcome a lack of talent by working hard," says Finsterwald, AB '52, of Orlando, Fla. "He was always positive and preached that we would be successful if we persevered."

Director of Athletics Thomas Boch appreciates Blosser's immense support for the direction of Ohio Athletics and

values his experience.

"When you consider that most of our staff members have been with Ohio for less than six years, it's easy to see how Kermit has served in a critical role as a liaison to former student-athletes and longtime friends of the Bobcats."

Boch says. "He provides an endless source of insight into the past and helps us plan how to serve our constituencies in the future."

For Blosser, the dedicated service and loyalty come easy. In fact, after a 71-year association with Ohio University, it's safe to say The Man's made it a habit.

Don't miss the birthday bash

Ohio University Athletics will celebrate Kermit Blosser's 90th birthday with a special halftime celebration during the men's basketball game against Marshall on Saturday, Feb. 3. The game starts at 3 p.m., following the women's basketball game against Akron at noon. Tickets for the games are available by calling (740) 593-1300 or 1-800-575-CATS.

Can't be there? You can send birthday wishes to Blosser (whose birthday actually falls on Feb. 1) by e-mail to athlet@ohio.edu or c/o Mark Wilson, Ohio Athletics, S125 Convocation Center, Athens, Ohio 45701.

George Maury is a media specialist with Ohio University Media Services.

Spanning the decades

- 1911** — Kermit Allen Blosser born in Enterprise, Ohio.
- 1929** — Starting end in first Peden Stadium football game.
- 1936** — Marries Mildred Howard, a 1925 graduate. She died in 1992.
- 1944** — Serves as a Naval gunnery officer during WWII.
- 1946** — Returns to coach at OU.
- 1951** — Leads golf team to first MAC championship.
- 1959** — Daughter Carol Blosser DeCamina graduates from OU. Son Richard follows in 1966.
- 1966** — Is inducted into Ohio University Athletics Hall of Fame.
- 1976** — Receives key to city of Athens on "Kermit Blosser Day."
- 1988** — Retires as Ohio University men's golf coach after 41 years.
- 2001** — Blosser turns 90 on Feb. 1.

Brian Knorr named head football coach

By George Maury

Less than 24 hours after Jim Grobe was introduced as Wake Forest University's new head football coach on Dec. 11, Ohio University announced that assistant coach Brian Knorr would be his successor.



Brian Knorr

Knorr, 37, was the Bobcats' defensive coordinator the past two seasons and inside linebackers coach since 1995. This year, his players ranked third in the Mid-American Conference in scoring defense, rushing defense and total defense.

"Ohio football is in great shape and the future is exciting," he says. "The program's goals will remain the same."

Director of Athletics Thomas Boch says Knorr's quick appointment wasn't a coincidence.



Jim Grobe

"This was an evaluation process that started well over two years ago," he notes. "We anticipated the day we would be looking for a head football coach, and Brian gives us the whole package. He displays true quality of character, great leadership ability and an engaging personality."

Knorr coached at his alma mater, the United States Air Force Academy, from 1992 to 1994. As a three-year letterman at quarterback, he helped the Falcons earn three bowl game appearances between 1982 and 1985.

Knorr earned a bachelor's degree in management from the academy in 1986 and an MBA from the University of Dayton in 1991. He and his wife, Julie, have two daughters, Katie and Reagan, and a son, Brett.

Grobe, 33-33-1 in six seasons with the Bobcats, took over an Ohio program that had 17 wins in the 10 years preceding his appointment. Of the team's 26 coaches, he had the fourth-most wins.

"I'm leaving a lot behind. I love the kids in the program and the people of Athens," says Grobe, whose new assignment takes him to the powerful Atlantic Coast Conference. "It was a tough decision, but I felt that it was time for a new challenge, and Wake Forest represents a great opportunity."

Private dollars more important than ever

By Melissa Rake

With the uncertain nature of state funding for higher education, colleges and universities continuously rely on private dollars to meet their goals. So when Ohio University's Third Century Campaign ended in 1993, administrators immediately began thinking about funding for the 21st century.

"When a campaign is over, it doesn't mean we're finished," says Assistant Vice President for Development Glen Kerkian. "We still need money to keep improving the University. We never stop needing private dollars."

The Third Century Campaign, which ran from 1988 to 1993, provided the University with \$132.7 million to bolster academic, cultural, athletic and recreational programs.

The new Bicentennial Campaign, publicly announced Nov. 11, is upping the ante. The goal is to raise more than \$200 million by the University's 200th anniversary in 2004. The end result: the ability to lure top-quality students and faculty, improve technology, expand or create more ground-breaking programs and build new facilities.

"We began planning this campaign three years ago, and it's allowed people to dream and think of ways in which you make a very good university even more distinguished," says Vice President for University Advancement Leonard Raley.

Campaigns can create momentum and spirit among alumni and members of the university community, a reality that's quite different from a campaign's usual public image.

"People think it's an uncomfortable experience for potential donors, that there's a lot of angst and extreme pressure," Kerkian says. "But I think a campaign brings out

all the good and special things about a university. Campaign times often are the more interesting and dynamic times."

Much of the money raised will be placed in the University's endowment, a savings account of sorts that is invested in a variety of stocks, bonds and liquid assets. The investment earnings, which are tax exempt, are used to support campaign projects.



"The trend today is that the most successful public institutions have a rapidly growing endowment, and we're trying to keep Ohio University in the game so that we are among those universities."

— Campaign co-chair James Daley, BBA '63

University Business Officers.

Despite its growth, the endowment has a long way to go to catch up to the coffers of many public universities. For example, the

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's is at \$926 million and the University of Virginia's is at \$1.3 billion.

Ohio University officials would like to see the endowment increase to \$500 million in the next seven to eight years.

"The trend today is that the most successful public institutions have a rapidly growing endowment, and we're trying to keep Ohio University in the game so that we are among those universities," says Bicentennial

Ohio University's endowment has grown from \$69.3 million in 1991 to \$220 million this academic year, ranking 54th in size among public institutions, according to the National Association of College and



"There is no small or unimportant gift. The gift of a recent graduate of \$100 is more important than \$1 million from a wealthy person because it represents a bigger portion of what the recent graduate earns."

— Campaign co-chair Charles Emrick, BS '51 and MSJ '52

Campaign co-chair James Daley, BBA '63, executive vice president and chief financial officer for EDS, the world's second-largest computer services provider. Daley also chairs the board of The Ohio University Foundation, the nonprofit fund-raising arm of the University.

Daley and fellow campaign co-chair Charles Emrick, BS '51 and MSJ '52, have guided the campaign team through its quiet phase, which began in July 1997. The goal of that phase was to attract leadership gifts, mostly large contributions that set the tone of the campaign once it was publicly announced.

During this behind-the-scenes phase, Emrick spent countless hours making house calls to potential donors across the nation.

"We don't harass them for money like many people think," says Emrick, senior vice president and managing director of the Trans-Action Group in Cleveland and a former Ohio University trustee. "We meet with potential donors, tell them about the University and its needs, and when they go home and think about it, they decide they want to help."

Yet campaign organizers also emphasize the important role smaller gifts — those of \$50, \$100, \$1,000 or \$10,000 — play in the life of a campaign.

"There is no small or unimportant gift," Emrick notes. "The gift of a recent graduate of \$100 is more important than \$1 million from a wealthy person

because it represents a bigger portion of what the recent graduate earns. Besides, that \$100 gift just might turn into \$1 million sometime down the road."

— Melissa Rake is assistant editor of Ohio Today.

How you can help

There are several ways to participate in the Bicentennial Campaign that match your personal circumstances and desires. Here are some options along with ways to get more information.

Annual Giving

The Fund for Ohio raises private gifts for the 10 academic colleges and major units. Any gift can be designated to a specific area or split between multiple areas.

- www.ohio.edu/campaign/annual.html or Larry Lafferty, (740) 593-2639 or lafferty@ohio.edu. For information on stock transfers and e-trades, contact Susan Downard at (740) 593-2632 or downard@ohio.edu.

Planned Giving

Through Planned Giving, donors can make financial arrangements now to provide a gift to the University at a future date. Estate and financial planning vehicles allow donors to assist the campus program of their choice and also benefit their tax situation.

- www.ohio.edu/campaign/planned.html or Robert Conrad, (740) 593-4797 or conrad@ohio.edu.

Corporate and Foundation Gifts

Support from corporations and foundations may be in the form of cash, equipment and other in-kind gifts.

- Deborah Eschenbacher, (740) 593-0072 or eschenba@ohio.edu.

Leadership and Major Gifts

Leadership and major gifts of \$100,000 or more allow for the establishment of endowed chairs, professorships, lecture-ships, fellowships and scholarships.

- Glen Kerkian, (740) 593-2637 or kerkian@ohio.edu; or Molly Mayo Tampke, (740) 597-1603 or tampkem@ohio.edu.

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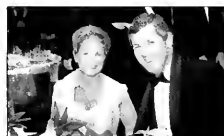
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- Checks should be made out to The Ohio University Foundation and sent to P.O. Box 899, Athens, Ohio 45703-0899.
- To make a gift by credit card, call 1-800-592-FUND.
- To pledge online, visit www.ohio.edu/campaign/pledge.html or print out the pledge form and mail it to the foundation at the address above.

For more information

Visit the Web at www.ohio.edu/campaign/ or call 1-800-592-FUND.

Campaign Highlights



Three celebrations kicked off the University's Bicentennial Campaign in November. Here's a glimpse at the festive events.

At a Nov. 11 gala on campus, Ret. Col. Frank Underwood, BSCO '54, and student Tiffany Boles talk with other guests; Master of Ceremonies and CNN anchor Leon Harris, BSC '83, shares the stage with President Robert Glidden; Professor of Theater Robert Winters portrays Manasseh Cutler; Louis and Karin Wright dance; and Fil, BSCE '62, and Carol Line enjoy the festivities. At a Nov. 17 event at the home of David Snyder, BBA '74, a Cleveland launch of the campaign featured the Marching 110: Snyder as host; and an audience delighted by the band. On Nov. 8, Robert Walter, BSME '67, spoke at a luncheon for faculty and staff.



Generous gifts bolster Bicentennial Campaign

Three major gift commitments were announced in the days leading up to the Bicentennial Campaign's kickoff in November, providing an impressive jumpstart for the fund-raising effort.

Krasovecs make University history

Franks and Margaret Krasovec made history in November with a commitment of at least \$20 million, the largest single gift ever pledged to the University. The contribution will primarily benefit the College of Business.

"What (the University) did was give me a chance to rebuild my engine, to restart my brain," says Frank Krasovec, BBA '65 and MBA '66. "As a student, I received several small scholarships that helped me get through school, so I want to provide the same opportunity for other students."

Krasovec is chairman, CEO and president of Norwood Promotional Products Inc., the United States' largest maker of custom-imprinted promotional items such as baseball caps, magnets, mugs and pens. The company is based in Austin, Texas.



President Robert Glidden greets Frank and Margaret Krasovec.

Margaret Krasovec has more than 15 years' experience providing market analysis, marketing plan development and implementation, sales program audits and redesign for the apparel manufacturing and health care industries.

The couple are involved with several Austin-area civic and charitable organizations, and Frank Krasovec serves on The Ohio University Foundation Board of Trustees.

Walters help fund cutting-edge facility

Robert Walter doesn't forget a favor. As an undergraduate at Ohio University in the 1960s, Walter earned scholarships that helped him pursue a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. When he decided to seek an MBA from Harvard Business School a couple of years after his graduation in 1967, then-Ohio University President Vernon Alden supported his application.

And so this past fall, he paid the University back — and then some — when he and his wife, Peggy



Robert and Peggy Walter



McGreevey Walter, BFA '67, announced they would donate \$5 million for a new state-of-the-art lecture hall and technically

advanced classroom building on campus.

"This is a great institution," says Robert Walter, who is in his third year of a nine-year term on the University's Board of Trustees. "We're excited about what's happening at Ohio University."

The \$10 million building, which will provide a landmark at Richland Avenue and South Green Drive, is targeted for completion in 2004. It will include 800 student stations and the latest technological systems.

"We're very excited about the idea of the science lecture hall, which can be used for so many things," notes Peggy Walter. She says she and her husband are impressed by President Robert Glidden's leadership and selected the classroom project as the focus of their gift because he identified it as a campus priority.

Gift recognizes Marion Alden's contributions

Ohio University President Emeritus Vernon Alden remembers with fondness the seven years he and his wife, Marion Parson Alden, spent at Ohio University. His desire to honor her contributions — and to see that the library bearing his name retains its role as an educational and technological leader — prompted a \$5 million gift commitment in October.

"The years that my wife, Marion, and I spent at Ohio University were



Vernon and Marion Alden



the most satisfying years of our lives, primarily because we were working together to enhance the quality and reputation of an already fine university," says Alden, who served from 1962 to 1969 as the University's 15th president. Marion Alden died in 1999.

Alden Library opened in February 1969 with some 500,000 volumes; today it boasts more than 2

million. The facility had 1.1 million visitors last year. And for every 100 visitors who walk in the door, another 60 visit the library via the Web.

The library staff would like to make more resources available electronically, including government documents and materials from the Southeast Asia Collection, and create a digital music library, a multimedia/audiovisual lab for faculty and an information delivery center. Alden's gift will help make these and other projects a reality.

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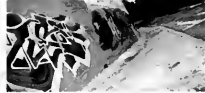


Exhibit blends artists' devotion to social issues

What began as a classroom project to engage students in art has evolved into plans for a full-fledged exhibit of two illustrious artists with ties to Ohio University. The project, featuring the works of Maya Lin and Jenny Holzer, is slated to open at the Kennedy Museum of Art in 2004, Ohio University's 200th anniversary.

"As a teacher, you look for ways of involving your students in a subject," says Rachel Hostetter Smith, a former Ohio University comparative arts professor who is serving as guest curator of the exhibit. "I discovered that Maya and Jenny both had connections to Ohio University, and that got me thinking about them in relation to one another."

Lin, whose parents were Ohio University faculty members, is best known for designing the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., when she was 21. Her other notable works include the Civil

Rights Monument in Montgomery, Ala., and the Monument to the History of Women at Yale University.

Holzer grew up in Lancaster, Ohio, and received a bachelor of fine arts degree from Ohio University in 1972. Her works — unique for the "truisms," or philosophical statements, she incorporates into her digital and architectural art — have illuminated venues as diverse as the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao in Spain, New York City's Times Square and Ohio University's Gordy Hall.

The exhibit's title, "Maya Lin and Jenny Holzer: Out of Athens and in Public," reflects the artists' strong ties to Athens and their focus on public art, says Smith, who serves as the Gilkinson Chair in Art History at Taylor University.

"Both artists credit their Ohio roots for engendering important elements of their art — a sensitivity to landscape on the part of Lin, and for Holzer, an appreciation for the no-nonsense bluntness and goodwill

of the Midwesterners she grew up with," she says.

The exhibit, which will be presented at venues across the nation after its Ohio University opening, will feature a variety of media, including video, LCD displays, interactive computer programs, blueprints and an on-site piece created by each artist. Their more public works, such as monuments and

memorials, will be highlighted along with pieces that reflect the similarity of their creative themes — particularly a desire to heighten social awareness and heal wounds.

In addition to participating in the exhibit, Lin has been commissioned by Ohio University to do an outdoor sculpture near Grover Center, which is undergoing renovations to house the College of Health and Human Services. The sculpture is to be completed in time for the University's bicentennial.

— *Nanette Kalis*



Maya Lin



Jenny Holzer

Sports broadcasters enjoy the Bobcat beat

Two telecommunications graduates have become part of a TV sports reporting team that regularly covers their favorite subject: Ohio University.

Dan DeCrow, BSC '92, is lead anchor and Tony Burke, BSC '91, is the producer of two programs that debuted on Fox Sports Ohio last summer. "Regional Sports Report" and "Ohio Sports Tonight" are 30-minute broadcasts covering Ohio high school, college and professional sports.

The alums work closely but not in a traditional sense: DeCrow is based in Chicago while Burke lives in Cleveland.

"The fact that I grew up follow-



Dan DeCrow

ing Ohio teams drew me to this job," says DeCrow, who worked as a sports anchor and reporter at WNWO-TV in Toledo for three years and WKEF-TV in Dayton for five years

before taking the Fox job last year. "I'm thankful that Ohio University provides the opportunity for students willing to work hard enough to make it in this business."

Burke produces all aspects of the news operation and oversees the station's news bureaus in Cleveland and Cincinnati. He arrived at Fox from Classic Productions in Cleveland, where he served as an executive pro-

ducer. Prior to that, he worked as executive sports producer at WOIO-TV and WUAB-TV in Cleveland.



Tony Burke

"Ohio University gave me so much hands-on experience," Burke says. "I was more prepared to work in television than graduates from other schools."

"I went to school with Dan, and I knew he was an Ohio guy. That's why I wanted him as my anchor."

Ohio University's connection with Fox Sports Ohio doesn't end with DeCrow and Burke. Matt Coiner, BSC '92, is a videographer for the regional sports shows.

— *George Manzy*

Students appreciate computer advantage

With the installation of new Gateway computers in all residence hall rooms complete, Ohio University has taken a leap forward in technology while enhancing students' academic and personal lives.

"I can't imagine not having this computer," says Maggie Wickline, a first-year transfer student who acknowledges that her high-speed Internet and e-mail connection has helped ward off homesickness this academic year. "I can talk to friends and family at home."

The University completed the installation of 4,241 computers in the campus' 40 residence halls in time for the start of classes this past fall. The initiative was launched in May 1999.

Sophomore English major Bridget Lowe says her personal computer has helped her stay on top of writing assignments.

"It's easy access," she says. "I don't have to go to the library or the computer lab to type all my papers."

Lowe also found her winter break internship while surfing the information highway.

And many prospective freshmen are finding the technology perk appealing. Admissions officials say the computers played a part in attracting this past fall's near-record 12,297 freshman applications. University officials are surveying students to find out exactly how they're using the computers and their level of computer knowledge.

"We've had a very positive response from students," President Robert Glidden says. "Computers are, of course, only tools, but they are essential tools for today's businesses and professions. Most importantly, this technology affords us the opportunity to transform teaching and learning and to engage students



Gateway boasted about its role in the computer initiative in national ads.

more in the learning process."

The sheer scope of the project prompted Gateway to run two large-scale advertisements in summer and fall issues of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

The computer initiative also was cited in a *New York Times* story this past summer about how computers are becoming standard dorm staples.

"Our infrastructure and academic support program make us the only major public university in the country with such extensive technology," says Vice President for Administration Gary North. "I think this says something about our commitment to academic quality and academic support."

— Chiffon Staebler and Katie Fitzgerald

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UPDATES FROM ALUMNI AROUND THE WORLD

1930s



Irv Small, BA '32, of Danbury, Conn., celebrated his 90th birthday Nov. 29.

He was a member of Phi Upsilon and the track team, setting records his freshman and sophomore years. He and his wife, Harriet, have been married for more than 65 years.

William Warmington, BSC0 '38, a World War II veteran, recently attended the dedication of a memorial honoring his battalion in Shawnee Mission, Kan. A captain, Warmington and his outfit liberated the German slave labor camp at Nordhausen during the war. He now lives at the Missouri Veterans Home in St. Louis.

Wilford Chaney, BS '39, of Lebanon, Ohio, was featured in a Cox News Service story in September. Chaney's life as a doctor in Oakwood, Ohio, and later as a member of the faculty of Wright State University's College of Medicine was chronicled by the syndicate when he retired.

1940s

Ruby Sproull Hawthorne, BA '41, MED '58, received the Coshocton (Ohio) Business and Professional Women's Club/YMCA Tribute to Women of Achievement in Education award last spring.

Dora Kennedy, BA '42, is coordinator of the University of Maryland's Senior University program, which is affiliated with Elderhostel Lifelong Learning, and teaches language exploration for seniors. She lives in College Park, Md., with her husband, Edwin.

William Benson, BSC '47, won two national track titles in March at the National Masters Indoor Championships in Boston. Benson, competing in the 80 to 84 age group, won the 800-meter race in

Remembering the OU Revue

*"Tho my college days are o'er,
I find that I'm thinking more and more
of a lonely and frightened little 'freshie'
who never seemed to know the score
in the first year of that beautiful Four-Year Heaven ..."*



A scene from the OU Revue, presented on campus in 1939.

These words, co-written by local composer Vern Smolik and "Athens dance maestro" Rex Koons, launched "Four-Year Heaven," a song included in Ohio University's first and only OU Revue in 1939.

The song was among five written by Smolik to accompany the extravagant campus variety show. During the time, it was one of the most

requested songs in Athens and still conjures memories among many alumni, including the show's former student director, **John McKinven, AB '41**.

"There had not been a variety show in the previous years," says McKinven, who was hailed as "the Billy Rose of Ohio University" by the local press. "For us as students, it was a pretty ambitious production."

McKinven recruited 16 acts, including students and local residents who participated in musical numbers, tap dances, jitterbugs, comedy skits and a magic show. In all, the production demanded 133 students, 11 lavish sets, a revolving stage with a fountain in the middle, a quarter-mile of curtain material and a giant reproduction of the cover of *Esquire* magazine.

The elaborate setting paid off, with 3,500 people paying a quarter to see the production Dec. 8 and 9 in Alumni Memorial Auditorium.

"Curtain after curtain was raised before the crowd stopped applauding," according to a *Messenger* review of the show.

—Katie Fitzgerald

3:42.1 minutes and the mile in 8:17.1. He lives in Valley Stream, N.Y., with his wife, **Annette Mann Benson, BSED '47**.

1950s

Richard Noll, BSIE '50, former mayor of North Ridgeville, Ohio, recently was inducted into the Ohio Department of Aging's Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. He developed North Ridgeville's first senior center and implemented a program allowing the elderly to receive tax breaks on utility bills. He is a part-time building inspector, treasurer of the Lorain County Office on Aging and chairman of the advisory board at the North Ridgeville Senior Center.

Frank Dille, AB '52, MA '53, received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from Walden University in Minneapolis in honor of his contributions to the field of graduate distance education throughout his 30 years at the university.

Richard Farrell, BSJ '54, of Bedford, N.Y., owns Richard Farrell Associates, a provider of strategic marketing and financial relations advice to Internet start-up companies. He has teamed up on projects with **Christopher Gigley, BSJ '93**, editor-in-chief of *Giftware Business*, author of "Getting the Most Out of the Internet" and a frequent speaker at Internet seminars.

James Patterson, BSJ '58, a graphic designer and freelance writer in Largo, Fla., has pub-

lished the novel "The Thirteen," which captures Ohio University during the mid-1950s. The account is not autobiographical, Patterson said, but draws upon his experiences on a campus undergoing great social change.

Elizabeth May, BSED '59, retired from teaching seventh-grade language arts at Troy (Ohio) Junior High School and moved with her husband to Phoenix.

1960s

Karen Katterheinrich Wolter, BSED '60, of Dublin, Ohio, was elected to a second two-year term as president of the Ohio branch of The King's Daughters and Sons, part of an international nonprofit organization with branches in 36 states and Canada.

Anna Marie King, BSJ '61, of Boca Raton, Fla., is executive director of the Migrant Association of South Florida and its affiliated Caridad Health Clinic. MASF is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for families of underserved migrant and agricultural workers.

Joel Mirman, BBA '63, shareholder at Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs in Columbus, has been appointed to the Supreme Court Committee to Review Reporting of Opinions. He also serves on the Supreme Court Commission on Certification of Attorneys as Specialists.

Judith Levine Willis, BSJ '63, of Kensington, Md., retired from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. She had been a member of the FDA's Office of Public Affairs since 1979 and was the editor of periodicals for both medical professionals and the general public. Writing under the pen name Judith Laura, Willis is the author of two books on feminist spirituality.

Daniel Behring, MA '64, PHD '69, is a professor at Northwood University in Midland, Mich. Behring, who teaches individual and organizational behavior, strategy and managerial perspective, is

Modeling a miniature Cutler Hall

Franklyn Kraus loves watching his model train chug through Buffalo Flats, the tabletop town he's creative in his Rye, N.Y., home. To him, the miniature locomotive is on more than just a scenic trip—it's winding through the valleys of his life.

The 50 buildings Kraus, BSC '50, has created in his model train set represent special times in his life, including his years at Ohio University. One of his most recent additions is a model of Cutler Hall, Ohio University's structural centerpiece and the oldest higher education building west of the Alleghenies and north of the Ohio River.

"The history of my life is in this railroad," Kraus says. "They are buildings I've visited, homes I've lived in, places I've worked. I thought Cutler Hall was the best representative of OU."

Built in 1816 on the Athens campus, Cutler has served as a residence hall, classroom building, library and museum and now houses the offices of the president and senior administrative officers. In 1966, it was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

Kraus has been working on his train layout for more than four years now, fashioning buildings from model kits and pieces of plastic he shapes himself. He describes Buffalo Flats as an early western railroad town full of homes, a courthouse, shopping areas, a lodge and even a saloon called the Bobcat Bar.

He spent nearly a month working on Cutler Hall.

"I had to make the windows myself," he says, "and that took some extra time."



Franklyn Kraus' model railroad version of Cutler Hall.

—Katie Fitzgerald

cializing in construction and design environment, received the Volunteer of the Year award from The Regional Alliance for Small Contractors. He chairs the Construction Industry Practice Group at Baer Marks & Upham.

Dennis Bender, BSJ '69, BSJ '93,

is senior vice president of communications for the nonprofit organization Habitat for Humanity in Americus, Ga.

"This is truly an exciting time to be serving in the leadership of this global movement for human progress," he said.



Patricia Knight France, BSED '69,

is a tax specialist at Allert, Gibbs & Houlik in Wichita, Kan.

Carl Gedeon, MBA '69, retired from BP America after 34 years and joined the investment firm Greenleaf Capital as managing director. He also has served as chairman of the Cleveland-Pittsburgh Regional Pension Fund Group. Gedeon lives with his wife, **Rosemarie Gedeon, BSCE '66**, in South Euclid, Ohio.

Anthony Genovese Jr., BBA '69,

recently married Guan Ling of Beijing. He is the CEO of BancAudit Associates of San Jose and Silicon Valley, Calif., a business he formed in 1992.

Patricia Wolfert, BSED '69, principal at St. Thomas Regional School, was awarded the National Catholic Educational Association's Distinguished Principal Award for the New England region. Before becoming principal, she spent 17 years teaching kindergarten in Talawanda City Schools in Oxford, Ohio. She lives in Warwick, R.I., with her husband, **Kenneth Wolfert, BSED '65**.

1970s

Terrence McDonnell, BSC '70, won his fifth Emmy Award in May for his work as senior producer of the ABC series "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire." In March, McDonnell was presented the TV Guide Award for the same series.

Robert Potts, BSIT '70, MS '71, corporate director of safety and environmental management at Dannon Co. in Fort Worth, Texas, is assistant administrator of the management division/practice specialty of the American Society of Safety Engineers.

John Woyansky, BA '70, is an organizational transformation consultant for the U.S. Army in Fort Lee, Va. He is working on a project to create a global logistics system.

Susan Blome Sutherland, BSHEC '71, of Monterey, Calif., creates clothing and accessories for retail stores in the United States and Japan. She also teaches fabric painting classes and is a member of International Training in Communications.

Stan Zabetakis Jr., BS '71, sold his painting business and completed a doctorate at the University of Florida. He resides in Boca Raton, Fla., and friends can contact him at szphd@hotmail.com.

Allan Merriam, PHD '72, a professor of communications at Missouri Southern State College, recently published the book "People of the Millennium: A Selection of Persons-of-the-Year from A.D. 1000 through 1999." The work represents 30 years of research.

Nancy Petenbrink, BSED '72, MED '76, is director of the Office of Employee Assistance at Florida International University. She spent 16 years in California implementing various employee programs for Chevron, the City of West Hollywood and Anheuser-Busch.

John Schneider, BFA '72, is vice president at Brewer & Lord, one of the largest and oldest insurance agencies in the New England area. He lives in Plymouth, Mass., with his wife, **Joeleen Ubbing Schneider, BSED '72**.

Herbert Howard, PHD '73, received the Broadcast Education Association's Distinguished Education Service Award for 2000. Howard, who retired in 1999, served 40 years on the faculty at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, both as a professor of broadcasting and communications and as associate dean for graduate studies and research. He plans to continue a limited teaching schedule as a professor emeritus.

the principal of a consulting company he created in 1995. He has been named an Outstanding Educator of America.

E. William Gourd, MFA '64, retired from a 35-year academic career that included faculty positions at the University of Texas at El Paso, Cleveland State University and Saginaw Valley State University. Gourd founded SVSU's Department of Communication and Theatre in 1978 and chaired the department for 14 years. In 1995, he received the University Faculty Association's Annual Service Award and in 1996 was given a University Professional Continuing Achievement Award.

William Gurnick, BSED '65, owns and operates Gurnick Tree Farms in Litchfield, Ohio. He retired from Strongsville City Schools in 1996 after 30 years as a teacher and coach.

Mary Psota, BFA '65, and her husband, **Ronald Psota, BFA '65**,

have retired after 30 years as music educators in northern Ohio and now live in Sun City Anthem, Nev.

Michael Hyland, BSED '66, who has been director of athletics for Celina (Ohio) City Schools for the last 21 years, received the Distinguished Service Award from the Northwest Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. He also received the Ohio District Athletic Administrator of the Year award in the spring of 1998.

James Ragan, MA '67, PHD '71, of Los Angeles recently was invited to present poetry at Carnegie Hall as the featured poet of the Lyric Poetry Festival. He also received the Creative Artist Achievement Award from the University of Southern California.

James Frankel, BBA '68, a leading New York attorney spe-

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Walter Brasch, PHD '74, is the author of "Brer Rabbit, Uncle Remus, and the Cornfield Journalist: The Tale of Joel Chandler Harris," published in August by Mercer University Press. Brasch, a syndicated columnist and professor of journalism at Bloomsburg University, has received the Herb Caen Memorial Award from the National Society of Newspaper Columnists.

June Johnson, BSED '74, who taught at Fisher Catholic High School in Lancaster, Ohio, for 22 years, is an English teacher at East Clinton High School in Lees Creek, Ohio. She and her husband, **Raphael Johnson, BSED '74**, live in Sabina, Ohio.

Beverly O'Donnell, BA '74, of Brooklyn, N.Y., is director of development at the Consortium for Worker Education.

Michael Ehler, BSC '75, is the chief assignment editor at WXIX-TV, and his wife, **Deborah Allmandinger Ehler, AA '75**, works for Boy Scouts of America. A grandson, Austin, was born Jan. 12, 2000. The couple live in Greenhills, Ohio.

Ralph Fuhr, BSJ '75, is managing director at the Cleveland and Columbus offices of Keane Inc., a \$1 billion firm that helps companies plan, build and manage application software.

Pat Pallat Sokel, BSHSS '75, MA '79, is the director of special programs at Round Rock Independent School District in Round Rock, Texas, and the regional media spokesperson for the Coordinated Campaign for Learning Disabilities.

Stephen Downs, BS '76, received a master's degree in education from LaSalle University in May 1999. His wife, **Carol Riley Downs, BSED '75**, was elected school board director of the Central Bucks School District in Doylestown, Pa., where they reside.

Robert Lemon Jr., PHD '76, is chair of the art department at Marshall University. He lives in

Huntington, W.Va., with his wife, **Julia Lemon, BSED '70**.

Andrew Sabados, BSCE '76, is regional sales manager at Contech Construction Products, directing sales in Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee and Louisiana. He lives in Little Rock, Ark., with his wife, Carol, and three children.

Rick Rose, BSED '77, is a guidance counselor at the Adult Education Center in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Michael Kraft, MBA '78, is the district manager at Circuit City in Apex, N.C., where he lives with his wife, Laurie.

Nicholas Latkovic, BBA '78, quality control manager at USG Corp. in Greenville, Miss., recently earned a master's degree from Case Western Reserve University. His wife, **Rhonda Latkovic, BBA '78**, is a store manager at JCPenney in Columbus.

Joseph Mullins, MFA '78, designed and developed the West Virginia Veterans Memorial located in the State Capital Complex in Charleston, W.Va. Mullins, a sculptor who lives in Charleston, said he is "extremely privileged and, frankly, quite lucky" to have been chosen to design a project of such magnitude for the state. He has since been commissioned to develop a memorial to honor West Virginia women veterans.

Susan Burgstiner, MA '79, is the owner of Marketing On Demand, a telecommunications marketing consulting company in Littleton, Colo. Her clients include AT&T Broadband, High Speed Access Corp. and the National Cable Center and Museum. She previously served as president of the local chapter of the Cable and Telecommunications Advertising and Marketing Society.

Timothy Neal, BSED '79, is coordinator of sports medicine at Syracuse University. He and his wife, Anne, live in Liverpool, N.Y.

1980s

Phillip Ertel, BS '80, is clerk of Shaker Heights Municipal Court. He and his wife, **Susan Ertel, BSHSS '80**, live in University Heights, Ohio.

Muhammad Umar Jamaal, BBA '80, is chief executive officer and majority shareholder of Global Consulting Services in Cleveland, a company specializing in e-business strategies and corporate financial management.

Sterling Winn Jr., BSC '80, of Laurel, Md., is director of sales at PointOne Telecommunications.

Nancy Dinger Aikins, BFA '81, is a senior graphic designer at Executive Caterers. She and her husband, Gene, live in Lyndhurst, Ohio.

Mary Lynd, BSN '81, received the Nursing Faculty Recognition Award for Leadership in Nursing Education from the Ohio Nurses Association. Lynd has been a registered nurse for 38 years and a nurse educator for 20. She has taught nursing at Ohio University-Chillicothe for the last four years and before that taught part time on the Athens campus.

Dennis Spisak, BSC '81, is principal at Southern Local High School in Salineville, Ohio. He and his wife, Molly, have three children, Brittany, Michael and Patrick.

No time for retirement

While many people see retirement as a haven of relaxation, two Ohio University alumni view it as a prime time to help others.

Retired FBI agents **Chuck Lontor, BSED '64**, and **Al Chestone, BSI '47**, are key players in Picture Them Home, a national campaign that teams the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in Alexandria, Va., with Data Transmission Network Corp. Inc. of Omaha, Neb., in the search for missing kids.



An electronic kiosk used to help find missing children.

"As soon as I retired I decided to find a way to contribute back to society, and this is a worthwhile thing to do," says Lontor, who established the Picture Them Home campaign in 1998 and serves as its director.

The program uses electronic kiosks placed in malls, hospitals and other high-traffic areas to display photos and information about missing children. The campaign operates on the theory that "someone knows" what happened to each missing child and can help in the search.

Forty-five kiosks are up and running across the country and at least 5,000 more are planned in the next five years. Data Transmission Network can update each kiosk's information by electronic transmission within three minutes, ensuring that word gets early when a child is reported missing.

Lontor works out of an office in Omaha, Neb., while Chestone is based in River Vale, N.J., and serves as the program's East Coast representative.

The two met through a mutual FBI friend and later discovered their Ohio University connection.

Now, the men work together to secure corporate and individual sponsorship for the kiosks, which they hope will lead to the reunion of parents and children. An estimated 750,000 children are missing in the United States, and more than 2,000 cases are reported each day.

"No case emotionally affects law enforcement officials more than working with parents who don't have any notion where their kid is," Lontor says.

• For more information about the program, call **Chuck Lontor at 1-800-485-4000** or **Al Chestone at (201) 666-5100**.

— George M.

No trouble finding links

Ohio University alumni teamed up last summer at the Falcon Classic Golf Tournament at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Attending were (from left)

Steve Becvar, BBA '84, associate director of athletics for development at the academy; Fisher DeBerry, the academy's head football coach; **Hal Ward, BBA '68**; and **Dow Finsterwald, AB '52**, a member of the Ohio University Athletic Hall of Fame and a former PGA golfer. "It was a great day of golf and fellowship and, of course, to reminisce through three separate decades of Ohio University experiences," Becvar said.



Elizabeth Winkler, BA '81, MA '89, of Columbus, Ga., won an award for outstanding contributions to the study, conservation and interpretation of caves by the Cave Research Foundation of Mammoth Cave, Ky.

Gary Wolfe, BSIT '81, is a commander at the North Island Naval Air Station in San Diego. He and his wife, Susan, have a son, Christopher.

Ed Romaine, BSJ '82, is director of marketing and e-commerce business development for Remstar International. He and his wife, **Lisa Romaine, BSHEC '81**, live in Port Murray, N.J.

Mark Davidson, BSJ '84, is managing editor of McGraw-Hill's Energy and Business Newsletters in Washington, D.C.

Kevin Gildow, BBA '84, is a data entry operator at First National Bank of Waverly, Ohio.

Matt Jenkins, BS '84, an assistant professor of broadcast production at Cameron University, received an honorable mention for the documentary "Atomic Annie" at the 67th Annual American International Film and Video Festival. The documentary depicts the first nuclear detonation of a projectile fired by cannon.

Steven Rader, BSPE '84, MSA '86, PHD '91, is associate professor of sports management at Shawnee State University, where he is head women's basketball coach. His wife, **Rhoni Maxwell-Rader, BSC '89, MED '93**, is pursuing a

doctorate in counselor education at Ohio University.

K. Brian McKee, BSED '85, president of the Arabian Horse Association of Ohio, was featured in a front-page story in *The Zanesville Times Recorder* about his Arabian horse breeding farm in McConnellsville, Ohio. McKee has been a church organist for 21 years.

Kevin Sackett, BBA '85, is treasurer of Admiralty Bancorp and executive vice president/CEO of Admiralty Bank in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. He and his wife, **Jennifer Peter Sackett, BSHEC '87**, live in Lake Worth, Fla.

Zhixiong Cai, MS '86, PHD '91, an associate professor and chair of the mathematics department at Barton College, received the 2000 Jefferson-Pilot Faculty Member of the Year Award.



Joseph Jablonski, PHD '86, of Perry, Ohio, is a senior scientist at Ricerca LLC.

Rex Scott, AB '86, BSED '88, is assistant principal at Doole Middle School in Tucson, Ariz. He and his wife, Teresa, have twins, Caitlin and Trent.

Ghazali Ismail, BBA '87, is executive director at ASSAR Asset Management in Malaysia.

Joan Mabey, BSRS '87, MSPE '90, is an area supervisor in the Cleveland office of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources

Division of Watercraft. She married Michael Samsel on Sept. 30.

Shari Peace, BSJ '87, is president of Peace Talks, a Dayton, Ohio-based professional speaking firm that provides training, consulting and motivational programs to Fortune 500 companies, professional associations and government agencies.

Art Rossin, BBA '87, of Decatur, Ga., is a systems technician/field engineer at BellSouth. He and his wife, Susan, were married in August 1999.

Christine Cestone Wilson, BSC '87, a pharmaceutical consultant at Innovex Corp., married Mark Wilson, a senior graphic designer at UTA Inc., in September 1999. They live in Annapolis, Md.

Sarah Redfern Buehler, BS '88, is the human resources director at Utah State Hospital. Buehler and her husband, Jack, have two sons, Connor Jackson and Christopher.

Matthew Giansante, BSC '88, is director of sales and e-commerce for Internet services at Mercury Radio Communications Corp., which has four stations in Buffalo, N.Y. He also is president of the upstate New York chapter of the Ohio University Alumni Association. He resides in Clarence Center, N.Y., with his wife, Katherine.

Donna Mattei Johnson, BSC '88, launched a trade show company in Laurel, Md. She and her husband, Jack, and their daughter, Madeleine, recently moved from Dallas to Annapolis, Md.

Alan Litvak, BSC '88, developed a television production company called Slice Productions. In addition to doing sports events, corporate videos and commercials, Litvak is the host of a monthly boxing show and produces the Houston Astros baseball pre-game show. He and his wife, **Kelly Stewart Litvak, BSVC '88**, have a daughter, Courtney, and live in Katy, Texas.

Michael Buell, BSJ '89, a marketing director with the architectural firm Brandstetter Carroll

Zofcin Inc., has moved to Strongsville, Ohio, to focus on the company's Cleveland office.

Kelly Francisco, BSC '89, of Huron, Ohio, is development director at the American Lung Association of Ohio.

Bill Patton, BGS '89, is managing director of the Beachwood and Dublin, Ohio, offices of Cunningham Group, a national broker of medical malpractice insurance services. He and his wife, Andrea Patton, had their first child, Abby, in May.

Michael Quinlan, BSC '89, is a district technology coordinator for Upper Scioto Valley Local Schools in Hardin County, Ohio. He received a master's degree in education from the University of Findlay in May and has a K-8 Ohio teaching certificate. He and his wife, Cathy, have a son, Jonathan.

1990s

Marcus Dahn, MA '90, PHD '95, is director of the Office for Diversity Enhancement and Equal Opportunity at South Dakota State University. He previously was an evaluation coordinator for the Southern Consortium for Children, Regional Council of Governments, for the state of Ohio.

Nick Jezierny, BSJ '90, a sports writer for *The El Paso Times*, married Dara Rosenberg in October 1999. The couple live in Santa Teresa, N.M.

Wendy Brown Luce, BSJ '90, is director of marketing for a high-tech start-up, STORM. She was married in December 1997 and had a child in November 1998. Friends can write to her at wendy@telarama.com.

Gregory Metcalf, BBA '90, a registered investment adviser at Horizon Financial Group, was elected in January 2000 to a four-year term as a Steubenville, Ohio, city councilman. He and his associate, **Richard Desman, BSC '71**, host the monthly show "Financial Focus" on WTOV-9. Metcalf and his wife, Beth, have two daughters, Molly and Madeline.

Michelle Mihalcik McIntyre, BSJ '90, is manager of IBM's western United States media relations. Her

husband, **Dave McIntyre, BSEE '88**, is director of Internet appliances at Transmeta Corp. They live in Saratoga, Calif.

Belinda Paschal, BSJ '90, is assistant editor of the Showcase entertainment section of *The Antelope Valley Press* in Palmdale, Calif., after working five years as an entertainment/arts reporter and columnist.

Jay Singer, BBA '90, serves as a director at Pricewaterhouse-Coopers in Detroit.

Don Stansberry, BSC '90, MED '92, is director of student activities and leadership in the Division of Student Services at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va.

Kristen Somoles Chapman, BS '91, and **Rob Chapman, BBA '91**, had their second child, Michael, in May 1999. Their first child, Molly, was born in 1996. Kristen received an MBA from the University of Akron in 1997, and Rob is a director at FJ Designs in Wooster, Ohio.

David Corbin, MED '91, left his job as a counselor for the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission to pursue a writing career and has been published nationally.

Denise Young Farrell, BSC '91, is an account supervisor at Patrice Tanaka & Co., a New York-based public relations agency. She and her husband, Peter Farrell, were married in May 1999.

Brad Glaze, BSEE '91, and his wife, Amy Anderson Glaze, of Hilliard, Ohio, had a child, Molly Marie, in March. Brad's college friend, **Ed Thomas, BSEE '91**, is Molly's godfather.

Brooks Jordan, BSC '91, is director of group sales for the Columbus Blue Jackets. He and his wife, Anne, have two children, Kylie and Brooks.

Kristine Schmitt, BCJ '91, is a detective with the Winder Police Department in Winder, Ga. She specializes in domestic violence and juvenile crime.

Steven Krebs, BSISE '92,

received an MBA from the Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration in June. He works for Dell Computer Corp., performing operations strategy work out of the company's Austin, Texas, headquarters.

Bethany Hyde Orlemann, BSS '92, is an assistant film editor in Los Angeles. She recently completed work on "All the Pretty Horses" for Columbia/Miramax.

Michael Schmidt, BFA '92, has won five national design awards, including the University & College Designers Association's Gold Award. He and his wife, Linley, have two children, Grayson and Alden.

Randy Sharp, BSS '92, is co-manager at Wal-Mart in South Charleston, W.Va. He and his wife, Christina, have two children, Spencer Harrison, 5, and Connor Mason Reed, 1.

James Smith Jr., BSJ '92, BA '92, works on the copy desk at the *Dayton Daily News*.

David Hoover, BSJ '93, of Arlington, Va., is director of operations and a wireless/broadband analyst at The Precursor Group, a Washington, D.C.-based company that provides analysis on Internet and e-commerce issues for institutional investors.

Cathy Rogers, PHD '93, a communications professor at Loyola University in New Orleans, was presented the Spirit of Loyola Award for Outstanding Service as an Organizational Adviser for assisting Loyola's Public Relations Student Society of America.



Suzi Shelton, BFA '93, of Brooklyn, N.Y., is a founding member of Imagination Workshop Band, which has produced two compact discs. The band recently performed with Kristi Spessard Dance.

Rita Stranik, MA '93, is an adjudications officer for the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Lincoln, Neb. She also served in the Peace Corps in Honduras.

Rachel Ferguson, BSC '94, is manager of advertising operations for Tribune Interactive, which operates 40 Web sites for the Chicago-based Tribune Co.

Kirsten Hiner, BSC '94, is director of sales and marketing for the House of Blues in Chicago.

Amy English Keller, BS '94, married Brent Keller in December 1999. She is a public relations account executive at Gianfagna Marketing and Communications in Westlake, Ohio.

Jason Kent, BS '94, earned a master's degree in civil engineering from Colorado State University in 1999 and is working as a water resources engineer for HDR Inc. in Boise, Idaho.

Michael Moretsky, BA '94, a school psychologist in Seattle, married Kaddin Heaney in June.

Andrea Schleeter, BS '94, an attorney, has joined the Columbus office of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease, one of the 100 largest firms in the United States.



Eric Stewart, BSC '94, is external affairs director of Ameritech in north Columbus. He and his wife, Kassie, live in Gahanna, Ohio.



Shadi Wadi-Ramahi, BSEE '94, works for Yokogawa Corp. of America, a distributed control systems manufacturer and supplier, and his wife, **Becky Wadi-Ramahi, BA '95**, is a speech therapist. They live in Mt. Vernon, Ind.

Debashis Aikat, PHD '95, an assistant professor and media futurist in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, won the David Brinkley Teaching Excellence Award, the school's highest honor for teaching. In addition, the Class of 2000 awarded Aikat a "Superlative" Favorite Faculty Award, which he

has won for three consecutive years.

Ryan Bond, BSISE '95, is a business operations specialist at Gee & Jenson, an engineering, architectural and planning firm in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Brian Bornino, BBA '95, a CPA and vice president of business valuations for Keybank in Cleveland, earned his MBA from Case Western Reserve University's Weatherhead School of Management. His wife, **Leah Sellers Bornino, BA '95**, graduated from the University of Michigan Law School.

Natalie Bunevich, BSJ '95, is a senior account executive at Lord, Sullivan and Yoder's account management group in Columbus.



Deborah Cost, BSED '95, a Lead Pre-K teacher at DeKalb County Schools in Georgia, represented the Pre-K program at a recent governor's State of the State address. Cost also volunteers for the Phoenix Organization, a cystic fibrosis organization, the Arthritis Foundation and the Leukemia Society and is vice president of the Atlanta Area Phi Mu Alumni Association. She also coordinated a fund-raiser for local high school scholarships by hosting a black tie event that featured boxer Evander Holyfield.

Michael DePhillips, BSC '95, who graduated from Keller Graduate School of Management with a master's degree in telecommunications management, is a network analyst for Advocate Health Care in Park Ridge, Ill.

Jennifer McGrew Kiper, BS '95, and her husband, Brian Kiper, of Wooster, Ohio, had a son, Hunter Mark, in September 1999.

Carrie Sizemore, BSJ '95, MSA '97, is marketing and communications director for the City of Winston-Salem, N.C.

Paul Stock, PHD '95, is an adjunct professor of economics at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton, Texas.

Melinda Stroh, BS '95, MED '98, is coordinator of programs for student activities at Boston University.

Joshua Sutter, BSJ '95, is associate director of athletic communications at the University of Akron.

Tony Tanner, BA '95, manager of corporate and government affairs for Longaberger Co., is chairman of the Republican Party of Licking County, Ohio.

Kimberly Fisher Towne, BBA '95, MED '97, is a recruiter for the Golden Key National Honor Society in Atlanta. Her husband, **Christopher Towne, BFA '96,** is a customer service representative in the information systems field.

Katie Traynor, BSC '95, of Bay Village, Ohio, received her Elementary Education Teaching Certificate and teaches fifth-graders in Cleveland. She also is a high school music choreographer and volunteers with the dance team.

Kathy Joanne Warner, BA '95, was a member of the ensemble cast for the off-Broadway produc-

tion of "A Most Happy Fella," performed at St. Bart's Playhouse in New York City. "Recently, I decided to spread my wings and try musical theater," she said. "I consider acting and singing to be a hobby. It is a way of balancing my life."

Kimberly Coey, BA '96, is recruiting coordinator for the Denver-based law firm Sherman & Howard.

Elizabeth Gorczyca, BBA '96, is the business strategy and communication manager at American Express Corporate Services in Chicago.

Toni McFarland Henry, BSS '96, a programmer for Nationwide Insurance in Columbus, married Gregory Henry in October 1999.

Lori Kay Mayle, BSSPS '96, is director of merchandising for the JetHawks professional baseball team in Lancaster, Calif.

Steven Mershon, MBA '96, is of counsel at the law firm Thompson Hine & Flory in Columbus.



Kelli Nowlin, BSJ '96, director of communication at Franklin University in Columbus, is pursuing a master's degree in education. She recently married Sean Nowlin, a police officer.

Tami Rosenberger, BSC '96, received a master's in higher education and student affairs from Ohio State University and is a partnership coordinator for the QUEST program at the University of Maryland at College Park.

Jeremy Simington, BSAT '96, is an assistant professor and assistant athletic trainer at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Christopher Snyder, BBA '96, BA '96, a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Jose Gonzales in Fort Lauderdale, graduated from the Ohio State University College of Law in 2000. He was editor of the *Ohio State Law Journal* and received the Dean's Special Award, the Mark S. Evans Award of Merit and the Dennis B. Eastman Memorial Award.

Kelly Price Torok, BSJ '96, is a media supervisor at Goodby, Silverstein & Partners, and **Bradley Torok, BSCE '96,** is a senior consultant for PeopleSoft. They live in San Francisco.

Arminda Smith Watts, BS '96, a licensed physical therapist at Holzer Clinic in Proctorville, Ohio, recently received a master's degree in physical therapy from Andrews University in Dayton, Ohio, and married Matthew Watts in May 1999.

Erin Blackstone, BSC '97, is an administrative manager, assistant branch manager and mortgage lender at Fairfield National Bank in Lancaster, Ohio. She recently bought a home in Baltimore, Ohio.

Edward Cardenas, BS '97, is the GIS project director for engineering and construction in Cleveland's Public Service Department.

John Costa, BSJ '97, is a media resources specialist in the office of enrollment services at The Medical University of South Carolina.

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Lisa DeChano, MA '97, received the first doctorate in the history of Southwest Texas State University. Her degree is in geography with specializations in physical geography, natural hazards and field methods. She has accepted a professorship at California Polytechnic University.



Brady Gick, BA '97, employed by Procter and Gamble, married Kelley Reagan in February 1998. They had their first child, Brennan Christopher, in February.

Deborah Heiman-Ketelsen, MA '97, married Jeremy Ketelsen in September 1999. She is a video production manager at CableRep Advertising and the education coordinator for Cox Communications in Eureka, Calif.

Ryan Marvich, BA '97, a U.S. Secret Service special agent, is working at the Phoenix office after

being employed at the White House. His wife, **Estelle Layne Marvich, BA '97**, earned a master's degree in elementary education at Ohio State University.

Elma Pierce, AB '97, a social program coordinator at the Athens Department of Human Services, is pursuing a master's degree in public policy and administration at Ohio University.

Markkus Rovito, BSJ '97, of Philadelphia is a telecommuting assistant editor for *Harmony-Central.com*, an online resource for musicians in Silicon Valley.

Ronald Smith, BSC '97, is recruiting for a medical company in Cleveland.

Dwight Wilkins, MFA '97, who works at Freedom Theatre in Philadelphia, participated in the Lincoln Center Theater Directors Lab last summer. He also taught and directed at Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire.

Mark Kunz, BSJ '98, is the sports director and an anchor at WBKB-TV in Alpena, Mich. He anchors sports Monday through Friday and co-hosts a sports talk show on Saturday nights.

Anna Leahy, PHD '98, an assistant professor of English at North Central College, had her collection of poems, "Hagioscope," published by The Sow's Ear Press of Abingdon, Va.

Nancy Ragias, BBA '98, is a distance-learning specialist for the Ohio Learning Network. She earned her MBA through distance learning and now informs the public about the opportunities available for continuing education at a distance.

Nikole Carney, MS '99, and **Joe Daniels, BSED '98**, plan to marry on June 16.

David Klotz, BSC '99, is sports information photography coordinator at the University of Louisville.

Karrie Swain, BSJ '99, maintains and designs Web sites for clients at Horseman Publishing in Lexington, Ky.

Tom Vecchione, PHD '99, and **Jessica Leibowitz Vecchione, MA '95**, were married in October 1998. Tom works at Ohio State University and Jessica works for John Hancock Financial Services in Columbus.

2000

Elizabeth Alessio, BSJ '00, is a reporter at *The Ashland Times-Gazette* in Ashland, Ohio.

Kristin Webber Yarbrough, BSJ '00, is a reporter with *The Elyria Chronicle-Telegram* staff in Elyria, Ohio.

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Degree abbreviation key

AA - Associate in Arts
AAB - Associate in Applied Business
AAS - Associate in Applied Science
AB - Bachelor of Arts
AIS - Associate in Individualized Studies
AS - Associate in Science
BA - Bachelor of Arts
BBA - Bachelor of Business Administration
BCJ - Bachelor of Criminal Justice
BFA - Bachelor of Fine Arts
BGS - Bachelor of General Studies
BMS - Bachelor of Music
BS - Bachelor of Science
BSA - Bachelor of Science in Aviation
BSAS - Bachelor of Science in Airway Science
BSAT - Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training
BSC - Bachelor of Science in Communication or Commerce (specify)
BSCS - Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
BSCCE - Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering
BSCHE - Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering
BSED - Bachelor of Science in Education
BSEE - Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering
BSEN - Bachelor of Science in Environmental Health
BSH - Bachelor of Science in Health
BSHCS - Bachelor of Science in Human and Consumer Sciences
BSHE - Bachelor of Science in Home Economics
BSHSS - Bachelor of Science in Hearing and Speech Sciences
BSISE - Bachelor of Science in Industrial and Systems Engineering
BSIN - Bachelor of Science in Industrial Hygiene

BSIT - Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology
BSJ - Bachelor of Science in Journalism
BSME - Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering
BSN - Bachelor of Science in Nursing
BSP - Bachelor of Science in Physical Education
BSPPT - Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy
BSRS - Bachelor of Science in Recreational Studies
BSSPS - Bachelor of Science in Sport Sciences
BSS - Bachelor of Specialized Studies
B SVC - Bachelor of Science in Visual Communication
DO - Doctor of Osteopathy
EDD - Doctor of Education
HON - Honorary
MA - Master of Arts
MAHSS - Master of Arts in Hearing and Speech Sciences
MBA - Master of Business Administration
MED - Master of Education
MFA - Master of Fine Arts
MHA - Master of Health Administration
MHSA - Master of Health Services Administration
MLS - Master of Liberal Studies
MM - Master of Music
MPA - Master of Public Administration
MPT - Master of Physical Therapy
MS - Master of Science
MSA - Master of Sports Administration
MSAC - Master of Science in Accountancy
MSHE - Master of Science in Home Economics
MSPE - Master of Science in Physical Education
MSPEX - Master of Science in Exercise Physiology
MSS - Master of Social Science
PHD - Doctor of Philosophy

IN MEMORIAM

REMEMBERING FELLOW ALUMNI

1920s

Howard E. Stout, COM '22, Athens, Jan. 3, 1999; **Bernice M. Graham, ELED '26, BSED '47, '56**, Marietta, Ohio, July 31, 1997; **Ruby Ruston, BSED '26**, Lancaster, Ohio, June 23; **L.C. Babbert, AB '26**, Columbus, May 6; **Martha H. Hurlbut, ELED '27**, Marietta, Ohio, Feb. 6; **Carrie M. Brenner, COED '28, BSED '34**, Newark, Ohio, May 24; **Richard C. Enlow, BSED '28**, Chillicothe, Ohio, November 1999.

1930s

Clyde R. Newell, BSED '31, Westlake, Ohio, June 10; **Margaret E. Romig, BSED '31**, Alexandria, Va., Nov. 25, 1997; **Helen E. Craig, ELED '31**, Belpre, Ohio, Feb. 23; **Olive C. Henderson, BSED '31, MED '33**, Venice, Fla., Jan. 31; **Foster C. Cornwell, AB '32**, Athens, April 26, 1999; **James L. Mills, ABC '33**, Warren, Ohio, July 23, 1999; **Theodore W. Hunter, ABC '34**, Florence, Ky., April 12; **Lawrence D. Modesitt, BSED '35**, Parkersburg, W.Va., September 1999; **Donald D. Pace, AB '36**, Roseville, Ohio, June 10; **W. Randle Truog, ABC '36**, Sarasota, Fla., Sept. 28; **Martha E. Wood, ELED '36, BSED '64**, Marion, Ohio, June 10; **Ulah L. Gilmore, BSED '37**, Richardson, Texas, Jan. 30, 2000; **Jean Jacoby, BSED '39**, Miamisburg, Ohio, March 16.

1940s

Robert L. Carmin, BSED '40, Tampa, Fla., April 19; **Mary H. Smith, BSHE '40**, McArthur, Ohio, April 21; **Ruth L. Woener, BSHE '41**, Mesa, Ariz., April 18; **Robert K. Arndt, BSIE '41**, Rocklin, Calif., Feb. 3; **Richard G. Vaughn, BSED '41**, The Plains, Ohio, April 19; **Marjorie Abel, '41**, McConnellsville, Ohio, Jan. 25, 1998; **Dorothy K. McClelland, BSED '41**, Circleville, Ohio, Jan. 11, 2000; **Lucy E. Gunderman, BSED '42**, Springfield, Ohio, May 3; **Joseph P. Marra, AB '42**, Monroe Twp., N.J., Feb. 7; **Dean E. Baesel, BSCO '42**, Wichita, Kan., April 12; **Webster D. Paton, BSCO '42**, Naples, Fla., March 28; **Charles**

Peshek Jr., '43, BSCE '47, Des Moines, Iowa, Nov. 29, 1999; **Walter Wharton Jr., BSC '43**, The Plains, Ohio, April 9, 1999; **Ruth Holloway, BSED '43**, Willsoughby, Ohio, May 4, 1997; **Lee P. Tippet, BSCE '43**, Naples, Fla., April 25; **Henryet Coovert, AB '44**, Boynton Beach, Fla., April 10; **Rosemary Wagner, BSS '44**, Cleveland, April 27; **L. Charles Baumbach, BS '44**, North Olmsted, Ohio, April 9; **Richard F. Shannon, BS '45**, Lancaster, Ohio, May 27; **Mary S. Livingston, BSCO '45**, Hot Springs, Ark., May 27; **Betty M. Berry, AB '45**, Houghton, Mich., Aug. 26, 1999; **Joseph R. Pahle, BSED '46**, Chattanooga, Tenn., May 10, 1999; **Joan W. Garner, BSED '46, ELED '34**, Dayton, Ohio, July 21, 1999; **Joseph A. Vince Jr., AB '47, MED '51**, Youngstown, Ohio, April 15; **George S. Carper, BSAG '48**, Pomeroy, Ohio, March 13; **Pierce C. Lalor, AB '48**, Dalton, Mass., March 28; **J. Wes Silk, BSCO '48**, Sarasota, Fla., Sept. 28; **Richard Q. Sponseller, BSCO '48**, Canton, Ohio, April 29; **Allan R. McCune, BSCO '48**, Overland Park, Kan., March 14; **Robert P. Comer, BSED '48, MED '51**, Columbus, April 28; **Donald G. Welsch, BSAE '49**, New Albany, Ohio, June 16; **Herbert E. Pollock, AB '49**, Tucson, March 16.

1950s

Joe W. Misamore, BSJ '50, Houston, June 20; **Jackson A. Robb Jr., BSED '50**, Shelby, Ohio, May 24; **Nevada B. Smith, BSED '50**, Athens, June 3; **Leola E. Cubbage, MED '50**, Barborton, Ohio, Nov. 5, 1997; **Josephine V. Culotta, BFA '50**, Claremont, Calif., Aug. 19, 1999; **Stuart M. Rich, BSCO '50**, Brookfield, Wis., April 17; **Rose C. Meloy, BSED '50**, Somerset, Ohio, April 19; **Pearl Brooks, '50**, Columbus, April 20; **James McKenna, BSCO '51**, Steubenville, Ohio, July 8; **Dorothy N. Foulk, AB '52**, Hilliard, Ohio, June 11; **Joanne L. Horsky, BFA '52**, Logan, Ohio, April 30; **Nancy Galloway, BSCO '53**, Rockville, Md., July 18; **Harry Brichacek, BSED '53**, Cleveland, April 8; **Ann Marie Wismar, '54**, Bonita Springs, Fla., Feb. 16; **Andrew J. Minarchek, BSED '54**,

Kennesaw, Ga., Oct. 26, 1999; **John A. Ruff, BSED '55, MFA '58**, Canal Winchester, Ohio, May 23; **James M. Feltis Jr., BS '56**, Chillicothe, Ohio, June 25; **Charles Saponaro, BSCO '56**, Valparaiso, Ind., June 22, 1999; **Jack S. Sampselle, BSED '56, MED '57**, Bradenton, Ohio, May 10; **David A. Hamm, BFA '57**, Buena Park, Calif., Jan. 19, 1998; **William J. Butler, BSED '57**, Findlay, Ohio, May 23; **Dudley P. Kircher, AB '57**, Bokeelia, Fla., April 18; **Myron A. Hutcheson, BSJ '57**, Costa Rica, July 11, 1999; **Charlene A. Rader, BFA '58**, Glendale, Calif., April 28; **Iris M. Rowe, BSED '58**, Goleta, Calif., Feb. 15; **Louise Martin, BSED '59**, Waverly, Ohio, July 27; **Roy A. Smith, BSCO '59**, Phoenix, Ariz., June 13; **Frances A. Grady-Grattan, BSED '59**, Sheffield Lake, Ohio, May 10; **Mary O. Eshelman, BSED '59**, Newark, Ohio, May 22.

1960s

Mildred B. Young, BSED '60, Seattle, Wash., Nov. 8, 1999; **Dorothy M. Zimmer, MED '60**, Portsmouth, Ohio, June 14; **Bradley M. Burk, BSCO '61, MA '62**, Chappaqua, N.Y., March 23; **William H. Fretz, BSCO '61**, Medford, N.J., July 10; **Juan E. Burson, BSED '62**, Columbus, April 9; **Dan Shellabarger, BSCO '62**, Yorktown, Va., June 17; **William F. Purson, BSCO '62**, Sarasota, Fla., Feb. 14; **Howard E. Miller, BSJ '62**, Mt. Holly Springs, Pa., February 1998; **Beverly Hochheiser, BSCO '62**, Lyndhurst, Ohio, May 14, 1999; **Gloria J. Remaly, BSED '63**, Ellington, Conn., Jan. 23, 1999; **Rodney E. Hearing, MED '63**, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, May 3; **Mary J. Arnold, BSHE '64**, Greenville, N.C., May 9; **Judith K. Morgan, BFA '65, MED '71**, Athens, March 29; **Howard L. Havemeyer, BSIT '65**, Brooklyn, N.Y., April 28, 1999; **Herbert M. Baudaillier, BSED '67**, Columbus, March 17, 1996; **Joseph B. Lippoli, BBA '67**, Lancaster, Ohio, May 28; **Betty L. Ritchie, BSED '68**, Chillicothe, Ohio, July 3; **Beverly A. Wharton, BS '68**, Cleveland, May 19, 1999; **Eunice T. Reich-Berman, BS '69**, New York City, March 9.

1970s

Bruce P. Herdman, BSED '70, West Liberty, Ky., June 14; **Frank E. Woltz Jr., MSIS '70**, Waverly, Ohio, April 17; **Douglas O'Dell, BS '72, MS '75**, West Chester, Pa., July 17; **David M. Roth, BBA '75**, Tucson, Ariz., April 8; **Jeffrey R. Blackwell, AB '76**, Walkersville, Md., July 15; **Verma E. McComas Jr., BSJ '77**, East Liverpool, Ohio, April 15.

1980s

Mary K. Fick, BSN '80, Gallipolis, Ohio, May 23; **Kenneth J. Legats, MED '81**, Zanefsville, Ohio, June 15; **Arthur C. Reiger Jr., MBA '81**, Huber Heights, Ohio, Oct. 11, 1999; **Shirley L. Blume, MED '81**, Portsmouth, Ohio, May 17; **Dorothy W. Mann, BSN '84**, Shadyside, Ohio, March 6, 1999; **Michelle S. Baker, BSRS '85**, Cleveland, April 19, 1999.

1990s

Jennifer L. Webb, BSAT '99, Englewood, Ohio, April 30.

Faculty and Staff

Paul H. Boase, Oberlin, Ohio, professor emeritus and director of the School of Interpersonal Communication from 1968 to 1980, Dec. 13. **Paul R. Dunlap**, Kitty Hawk, N.C., professor emeritus of quantitative business analysis, June 21. **Pauline Gagliano**, Athens, assistant professor of music education from 1970 to 1997, July 20, 1999. **Rubye A. MacAuley**, Columbus, associate professor emerita of home economics, July 6. **William F. Rogers**, Athens, associate dean emeritus of Ohio University Libraries, June 12. **Thomas C. Sarchet**, Athens, professor emeritus of industrial technology, July 27. **Arthur Saxe**, Millfield, Ohio, professor of sociology and anthropology, April 22, 1999. **Ira Zook**, Athens, associate professor of music and conductor of the Singing Men of Ohio, Nov. 27.

Anne M. Finnegan, PHD '75, West Liberty, W.Va., should not have been listed in this section in the fall 2000 issue. Her husband, **John D. Finnegan, PHD '70**, died March 14.

An extraordinary commitment

By Ralph Amos



When *Ohio Today* Editor Mary Alice Casey told me the story of Chip Thayer, I knew I had to share it. Because Chip is a hero. His commitment to Ohio University and his determination to relive one of the most profound experiences of his life are remarkable.

In this issue, you have read much about the University's Bicentennial Campaign, an ambitious and very necessary fund-raising

endeavor. Yet, as you know, there are all kinds of ways to give back to your alma mater. With your checkbook. With your time. With your talent. And, like Chip Thayer has, with your heart.

In the future, I plan to share with you many examples of Ohio University alumni who are giving back in ways that can change lives and ensure that this great institution of higher education exists in perpetuity.

Mary Alice caught up with Chip at Homecoming's alumni band reunion. Here's his story:

Chip Thayer was determined to make it back for Homecoming in October. He wanted to show his Fredericktown, Ohio, neighbors around campus, meet up with a few friends and, more than anything, take the field with the Marching 110 at halftime.

Well, he made it. And in the process he inspired many of us who heard his story.

Chip graduated in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in music education. A three-year band member, he played the rimbales, a kind of drum, and led the percussion section his senior year. Anyone who's witnessed the Marching 110's wonderful music and demanding dance moves realizes that's no small accomplishment. But what few of Chip's friends and professors knew at the time was that he had spina bifida, a congenital disease characterized by incomplete closure of the spine.

Chip didn't let his ailment hold him back as an undergraduate. And the former band director and middle school principal didn't let it keep him from a 24-year career in public education. So he surely wasn't

going to let it stand in the way of a Homecoming 2000 appearance with the Marching 110 and his fellow alumni.

"I must do this one more time," he wrote to Pete Couladis, president of the band's Society of Alumni and Friends, before Homecoming. "I want to feel the pride as we funk across

Richland Avenue. I need to feel the anxiety building in the stadium as the 110 takes its place on the sidelines and the percussion section takes its place under the goalposts. I need to feel the wonder and emotion of the appreciative crowd as we pour out all we have to give the most exciting halftime show for our audience."

His legs weakened by spina bifida, Chip is fighting hard to stay out of a wheelchair. To prepare for Homecoming — his first in 15 years — he walked a little longer and a little farther each day without a cane to build his endurance. His son, a high school band director, brought home a drum every afternoon so Chip could get used to the weight of it on his shoulders.

"At first I thought he was crazy," his wife, Debbie, said as the couple ate lunch at the alumni band reunion before the football game. "But the closer and closer it got, the more excited he got."

Chip enjoyed seeing old friends, in particular Professor Guy Remonko, his percussion teacher and "a great man" he credits for helping to instill in him a drive for perfection. And he relished the chance to show his campus off to Dallas and Inge Popham, the neighbors who drove Debbie and him to Athens.

But as he expected, the day's highlight came on the turf of Peden Stadium.

"It was everything I wanted it to be," Chip said. "It was just a fantastic feeling. Your heart just soars in your throat."

Chip is an amazingly determined individual. Yet he also is a realist.

"It may be my last time," he acknowledged. "Things are digressing with my legs so much I'll probably be in a wheelchair soon."

"If not," Debbie added, "we'll be here next year."

And that's something we can all look forward to.

Ralph Amos is an assistant vice president and the executive director of alumni relations for Ohio University.



Chip Thayer visits with Professor of Music Guy Remonko, his former percussion teacher, before the alumni band's Homecoming game performance.



Chip Thayer fulfills his quest to perform with the Marching 110's alumni band at Homecoming 2000.

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MAC MADNESS AT THE GUND

The march to the 2001 NCAA Basketball Championships begins with MAC Madness at Gund Arena on March 6, 8, 9 and 10. Sixteen of MAC's top men's and women's basketball teams will collide to determine which teams an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

MEN'S TOURNAMENT

SESSION 1 - THURSDAY, MARCH 8

Noon Game A - #1 vs. #8/9 winner

2:00 pm Game B - #4/13 vs. #5/12 winner

SESSION 2 - THURSDAY, MARCH 8

7:00 pm Game C - #2 vs. #7/10 winner

9:00 pm Game D - #3 vs. #6/11 winner

SESSION 3 - FRIDAY, MARCH 9

7:00 pm Winner of A vs. winner of B

9:00 pm Winner of C vs. winner of D

SESSION 4 - SATURDAY, MARCH 10

7:00 pm - Championship Game (televised on ESPN2)

WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

SESSION 1 - TUESDAY, MARCH 6

1:00 pm Game A - #1 vs. #8/9 winner

3:30 pm Game B - #4/13 vs. #5/12 winner

6:00 pm Game C - #2 vs. #7/10 winner

8:30 pm Game D - #3 vs. #6/11 winner

SESSION 2 - FRIDAY, MARCH 9

Noon Winner of A vs. winner of B

2:30 pm Winner of C vs. winner of D

SESSION 3 - SATURDAY, MARCH 10

1:00 pm - Championship Game

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